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Man'amko celebrate Christmas early

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Majority of the *man'amko* who religiously visit the Office on Aging yesterday were able to get into their Christmas spirit as the Fiesta Resort

& Spa Saipan threw their annual *Man'amko* Christmas Luncheon at the Hibiscus Hall.

The 11th Annual Christmas luncheon followed a major disaster in the form of Super Typhoon Yutu.

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ERWIN ENCINARES

Performers orient the *man'amko* who volunteered to participate in a dance up front during yesterday's *Man'amko* Christmas luncheon at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Saipan power now at 63 pct.



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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has reported that power restoration on Saipan is now at 63 percent and water production is at 82 percent, while Tinian now has 20 percent power and 100 percent water.

That's more than five weeks after Super Typhoon Yutu devastated Saipan and Tinian.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho yesterday said that with Saipan power restoration currently at 63 percent, the focus now is on primary lines and restoration of water wells.

MARK RABAGO

Utilities crew work on restoring power on this section of Beach Road in Susupe. The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said it has successfully restored power to 63 percent of Saipan some five weeks after Super Typhoon Yutu struck the island and neighboring Tinian.

» Tinian power restoration only at 20 pct.

Camacho said critical infrastructure on primary lines continues to be the priority.

On water production, the executive director said 107 out of the 138 water wells are operating.

On Tinian, Camacho said power has been restored to 20 percent of the island.

He said 80 percent have been re-

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Shelterees moved to new Kagman facility

Kagman Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Tanapag Middle School ceased serving as evacuation centers yesterday and displaced residents who used to take shelter there have been transferred to the newly opened Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility.

The Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility was established to provide a more long-term accommodation for displaced residents who may require even more time for recovery and restoration of their personal residence.

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Local

2 overstaying tourists get time served sentence

The federal court imposed on Friday a time-served prison sentence on two overstaying tourists who entered a guilty plea for lying to Customs and Border Protection that they came to the United States or the CNMI for tourism when in fact their purpose was to work.

Honghui Jie and Haifeng Liu, both Chinese nationals,

pleaded guilty to count one of the information charging each of them with improper entry into the U.S. by false statement.

The offense carries a maximum penalty of not more than six months imprisonment, a fine of up to \$5,000, not more than a five year term of probation, and \$10 special assessment fee.

Steven Pixley, court-appointed counsel for Jie, and Benjamin Petersburg, court-appointed counsel for Liu, both recommended a sentence of imprisonment of time served. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, recommended the same sentence.

Backe informed the court that the defendants may be

released to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's custody last Saturday for processing and then they will be served a notice to appeal and that could take some time.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has followed the parties' recommendation to impose a sentence of time-served.

Manglona said upon release from prison, the defendants shall submit to a term of supervised release of six months and comply with conditions as adopted by the court.

The defendants were ordered to pay each a \$10 special assessment and to report to the U.S. Probation Office today, Monday.

Manglona said she will al-

low for the early termination of the supervised release upon actual defendants' removal from the U.S.

The defendants were remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal for the processing of their release papers.

Manglona also granted Backe's motion to dismiss the indictment.

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A bi-weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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MVA General Membership Mtg. on Dec. 14

The Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) semi-annual general membership meeting will be held on Dec. 14, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Fiesta Resort & Spa. Guest speakers from the MVA's off-shore offices will provide a recap of FY 2018 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for Fiscal Year 2019, including post-typhoon recovery plans. Speakers will be the respective in-country managers: Irene Lee, Korea market; Florence Shi, China market; and Takashi Ichikura, Japan market.

Admission is \$20 for MVA members and \$25 for non-members.

RSVP by emailing MVA Community Projects Division at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or calling 1.670.664.3210.

The MVA welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is \$100 annually. Benefits include: business listing on the MVA's language-specific websites in Japan, Korea, China, Russia, Taiwan, and English; opportunities for business brochure distribution at MVA offices in The Marianas and internationally; opportunities to participate in travel and trade shows, sales seminars, and FAM tours; detailed visitor data through monthly statistics reports; nomination and voting rights for the MVA Board of Directors; and the opportunity to be a supplier or contractor for the MVA. New and returning members can register and pay on the MVA's English website at www.mymarianas.com.

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As a guest of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) questioned FEMA Administrator Brock Long on his agency's delivery of services in the Northern Marianas after Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu. The hearing was focused on recurring problems with FEMA's disaster response nationwide.

Kilili questions FEMA on Yutu response

WASHINGTON, DC— Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) joined the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at a hearing last Thursday to question FEMA Administrator Brock Long on the recurring problems that keep the Federal Emergency Management Agency from responding quickly to disasters such as Super Typhoon Yutu.

At the hearing, Sablan took Long to task on a list of complaints the delegate received from Marianas residents after Super Typhoon Yutu—from the delayed opening of Disaster Recovery Centers, to the long wait for damage inspections, to the mailing confusion that rendered many FEMA inspection notices and payments undeliverable.

"I want to acknowledge the work that the 1,345 federal employees assigned to the Marianas are doing," Sablan told the Oversight Committee. "But I am not satisfied with their work."

"How can I be, when so many of the people I represent remain without power and water, living in shelters and tents, their children not in school, without jobs and income, struggling day by day?"

"Reading the committee's report on the federal response in other parts of our country, I see that I am not alone in my dissatisfactions," Sablan added.

He was referring to a report titled "Recurring Problems Hinder Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts," by the House Oversight Committee staff. A copy of the full report is available at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Federal-Disaster-Response-and-Recovery-Report-1.pdf>.

Response delays

Super Typhoon Yutu struck the Marianas on Oct. 24.

FEMA took a week to open an intake center for initial

registrations for disaster assistance, and another week to establish a full-scale Disaster Recovery Center. A DRC is a centralized location where people can register with FEMA, follow up on their applications, and obtain information from other agencies and organizations involved in the relief and recovery efforts.

At the hearing, Sablan also noted that FEMA inspections are taking longer than the seven- to 10-day turnaround time that the agency had communicated to the public.

And he questioned why FEMA sent notices and checks to the physical location of damaged homes, instead of to post office boxes, causing mail to be returned to FEMA.

Disaster-proof infrastructure

In response, Long proposed that Congress work with the private sector, particularly telecommunications companies, to build disaster-resilient infrastructure.

"It's hard for us when the communication system is totally knocked out," Long said at the hearing. "Being able to mobilize several thousand miles away disaster support teams to manually register people door to door is a painstaking process."

The FEMA administrator also emphasized the responsibility of local governments to build the capacity to withstand and recover from natural disasters by insuring public infrastructure with private insurers, by enforcing building and zoning codes, and by establishing rainy day funds that local jurisdictions can draw down after a storm.

"I have long stressed that FEMA cannot be solely responsible for disasters," Long said.

Watch a clip of the Sablan's exchange with FEMA Administrator Brock Long at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYSAztOJgcg>. (PR)



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According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on July 11, 2016, Liu and Jie entered the U.S. at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International

Airport. The two, both citizen of the People's Republic of China, willfully misrepresented to immigration inspectors with the CBP that their purpose for entering the U.S. was tourism when in fact, their true purpose was to work. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Kilili joins country in mourning death of '41'

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and his family has joined the entire nation and the territories in mourning the recent passing of former President George H.W. Bush, who served as America's 41st head of state.

"Andrea and I and our family

send our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Bush family," said Sablan in a statement sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He added that although he did not personally met Bush, his colleagues in U.S. Congress praised him for his length of serving the country, which began when he flew combat missions during World War II.

"America, sadly, is mourning the loss of former President Bush. And while I never met the former President, many of my colleagues who served terms under his presidency, uttered the words 'duty, sacrifice and patriotism' that [he] will be remembered by," said Sablan.

"And that they [U.S. Congress colleagues] knew Presi-

dent Bush as a gentleman of the highest integrity and deepest patriotism."

Bush's remains arrived at the U.S. Capitol at 4:45pm on Monday (7:45am Tuesday on Saipan) in a simple ceremony involving the House of Representatives and Senate. His remains will lie in state at the Capitol's rotunda where the public can pay their respects.

The public viewing will be from 7:30pm on Monday to 8:45am on Wednesday, Dec. 5, and a memorial service would follow at 11am at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. for family and friends of the Bushes.

His remains will be flown in to Texas for his burial at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library

and Museum at the west campus of the Texas A&M grounds in College Station.

"The former President will lie in state Monday evening at the Capitol Rotunda, followed by a memorial mass at the National Cathedral before he is brought to Texas for burial at his library's grounds," said Sablan.

All U.S. and CNMI flags in the Commonwealth have been lowered at half-staff as a mark of honor and respect to late

president, who died last Friday in their home in Houston. He was 94.

President Trump has also directed the entire nation and territories to observe a National Day of Mourning on Dec. 5, Wednesday, also ordering that all executive departments and agencies of the federal government to be closed on the same day.

Bush was one of the U.S. Navy's youngest pilots where he flew combat missions in the Pacific theatre and even survived after being shot down by enemy fire. He also became the GOP chair, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the Central Intelligence Agency director during the Cold War, U.S. envoy to China, and Vice President to former President Ronald Reagan before becoming President in 1989.



Sablan

'Bill protecting water consumers from being overcharged offensive to CUC'

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Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) said he didn't intend to offend the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. when he introduced a bill to protect water consumers from being overcharged after Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation.

At the CUC board meeting last Wednesday, Igisomar said Senate Bill 20-114 that he recently introduced looks for a middle ground between CUC and its customers.

"The purpose really is to help the community to alleviate the stress level," he said.

The senator said in essence the whole reason why he introduced the legislation is to not

overburden CUC with complaints of overbilling water.

Igisomar said with Yutu's devastation, a lot of pipes were broken and so when CUC brought back water distribution in some areas, many people were not aware of it as they were either in shelters or in the homes of their relatives.

He said when these people came back to their homes, they found that their water faucets or pipes were just flowing.

Under Igisomar's bill, CUC is asked that for their billing after Oct. 24, November and December, not to charge them with exorbitant fees.

Igisomar said to address the problem, he is, however, open

to any idea, which is faster, either it is his legislation or if there is any CUC regulations in place.

He said CUC was able to operate water faster than normal after the typhoon which caught a lot of customers off guard as there were pipes leaking.

The senator said he is pleading to the CUC board and the CUC management for favorable consideration to the people who are still trying to recover from Yutu's devastation.

Igisomar, who chairs the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, congratulated CUC staff with the leadership of executive director Gary P. Camacho and all its man-

agers, as well as volunteers from overseas, for the recovery efforts of power and water distributions on Saipan and Tinian.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said the idea of the bill is obviously good as it is to ensure water billing accuracy.

Camacho said the legislation is a quicker response, but they must always consider customers, but never forget the requirements of CUC.

"I think if we can do both of those, I think will win," he said.

Camacho said they are trying to see their policy first as they may already have something in place that encompass this area.

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stored with power to several critical infrastructure/customers such as the hospital, Mobil gas, police station, Bank of Guam, supermarket, fire department, U.S. Post Office, Tinian Elementary School, and Head Start Program.

Pole damage

CUC also said Yutu's fury damaged only 11 percent of power poles on Saipan, but destroyed 42 percent of power poles on Tinian.

In his presentation before the CUC board last week about their power and water restoration efforts, Camacho disclosed that on Saipan,

1,348 power pole units were damaged, while 11,297 were not damaged.

Camacho said this translates to an 11 percent damage and 89 percent not damaged on poles.

On Tinian, the executive director there was massive devastation as 797 pole units were damaged and 1,088 were not damaged.

This translates to 42 percent pole damage and 59 percent not damaged.

Downed transformers

On transformers assessed, Camacho said on Saipan, 767 transformer units were damaged, while 3,320 units were not.

This means that 19 percent of transformers were damaged and 81 percent were not.

On Tinian, he said, 106 transformers were damaged and 469 were not.

This translates to 18 percent of transformers damaged and 82 percent were not.

Pertaining to conductors assessed, Camacho said on Saipan, 783,440 feet in total length of conductor were damaged, while 4,001,681 feet were not damaged.

It shows that 16 percent of conductors were damaged and 84 percent were not.

On Tinian, 374,531 feet in total length of conductors were damaged, while 1,107,205 feet were not damaged.

Camacho said this translates to 25 percent of conductors were damaged and 75 percent were not.

With respect to the restora-

tion efforts, Camacho said involved in power operations are 53 CUC personnel, while on water operations are 34 CUC personnel.

He also disclosed that last Oct. 25 or three days after Yutu, CNMI received external assistance from Guam Power Authority, in which GPA personnel arrived to perform assessments of the power transmission and distribution system.

Camacho said there are a total of 102 power experts assisting in the power restoration—41 GPA on Saipan, 44 from Primary Source Electric both on Saipan and on Tinian, 10 Pohnpei Utilities Corp. on Saipan, three Kosrae Utilities Authority on Saipan, and four CUC Rota on Saipan.

Fiesta Resort also gave away brunch buffet coupons and some other freebies along with the luncheon.

Like Herring, Manglona believes that Yutu affected the overall turnout of the luncheon. He noted that the Aging Office being utilized as a shelter limited the reach of news of the luncheon, while others still remain in other shelters and are still recovering from the typhoon.

"I don't see a lot of our seniors today, but I am hoping that once we [reopen the Aging Center] we come up with a similar event," Manglona said.

director Walter Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* that the luncheon was an opportunity for the elders to reunite after the destruction of Yutu.

"...It came at a very timely fashion due to the fact that we are all in recovery mode. We have been through a lot and our seniors have been segregated from each other. They really miss their friends and they really miss each other, and just having them bond today and seeing the smiles on their faces means a lot," he said.

Manglona expressed his gratitude toward Fiesta Resort.

Along with the luncheon,

it is difficult to get the word out to everyone, but we are still really pleased with the turnout," she said.

Herring noted that the hotel launched the luncheon annually as a way of expressing gratitude toward the elders, who she said paved the way for how residents on Saipan are perceived by visitors.

"They have paved the way with their kindness, their grace, and their resiliency. We have been together through this disaster, but we get together and we smile and we appreciate one another," she said.

Office on Aging executive

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However, elders hailing from all over Saipan enjoyed themselves in the annual gathering sponsored by the hotel.

About 60 were able to participate in the annual luncheon, Fiesta Resort general manager Wendi Herring told *Saipan Tribune*, compared to previous year's over 100 participants.

"...This year it is not quite well attended as previous years but right now [the Aging Office] is used as a shelter, so

SHELTEREES

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It was established by the CNMI government in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross-CNMI Chapter. All there have been providing extended shelter assistance for displaced residents residing in some of the existing shelters opened since Super Typhoon Yutu.

Shelterees at the Kagman Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Tanapag Middle School were transported by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority to the Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility in Kagman yesterday at 1:30pm.

The first round of shelterees and their belongings will begin transition to Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility at 1:30pm. The shelters at KES, GTC and TMS were officially closed yesterday at 6:30pm.

Displaced residents who are currently sheltered at the HOPE Center and the Office of Aging Center will be transported by COTA to the opening of the new Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility in Kagman today, Dec. 4, at 1:30pm. The first round of shelterees and their belongings will begin transition to KESF at 1:30pm. The shelters at the HOPE Center and the Office of Aging will be officially closed by 6:30pm today.

Each resident will be limited to two large bags or luggage in their immediate cot/bedding area. All other items are to be stored in assigned areas.

The Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility has many great accommodation and benefits:

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- Free transportation to medical appointments, pharmacy and Yutu relief support events by reservation provided by COTA
- Discounted transportation accommodations to shelterees personal homes or other personal trips by reservation provided by COTA

Residents are encouraged to contact their shelter manager to ensure all members of their family are accounted for, and to ensure special accommodations such as healthcare needs are met.

The Kagman Emergency Shelter Facility was established to provide shelterees with comfort and family support. If shelterees have any questions regarding the move to KESF, they can approach their nearest shelter manager.

In efforts to continue to support those displaced residents, the KESF partners thank everyone for their continued patience and cooperation we journey through this recovery period together. (PR)



NMTI, Da'ok Academy collaborate to train students

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Northern Marianas Trades Institute and Da'ok Academy staff and faculty pose for a group photo at the NMTI campus in Lower Base.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute and the Da'ok Academy are partnering to train students in the various trades offered at NMTI. Da'ok Academy is a CNMI Public School System program that provides an alternative educational setting for students who need guidance and assistance in developing their behavioral, academic, social, and emotional foundational skills to be ready for college or a career.

Da'ok Academy recently suffered a major blow to its ability to offer classes as Super Typhoon Yutu left the school in shambles. Seeing the need for an immediate resolution to offer much needed assistance, NMTI offered several of its classrooms and office space at no charge to the school.

When asked for comment NMTI CEO Agnes Mcphetres said, "We are educators first

and foremost. This relationship is something we aim to grow as Da'ok has a student base that can immediately go into our trades courses with ease. It is now our responsibility to entice them into taking advantage of the one stop shop housing situation. We are thankful that PSS leadership shares the same enthusiasm at the opportunity to provide students with exploratory career programs"

Eric Evangelista, principal for Da'ok Academy, said, "there will be future discussion on how Da'ok Academy students will attain a diploma and certification in a trade skill. This is an opportunity for our students as the courses offered at NMTI would complement our offering as students attain a high school diploma. We hope that everyone takes advantage of this future partnership." (PR)

Relief distribution lines result in minor altercations

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Following Super Typhoon Yutu, there have been minor altercations observed in various relief distribution lines.

According to Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, there have been many relief distribution programs following Super Typhoon Yutu like food stamp, relief good distributions, and more and as anticipated, there have been altercations observed.

Fortunately, Guerrero said that all altercations were minor and no one has been arrested so far.

"We have had arguments here and there...but our officers and the people in charge of these areas have done a good job at defusing the situations...our officers have managed to de-escalate the situations...so far, we've haven't had to arrest people because of that," he said.

Guerrero said that altercations are expected especially in

times of struggles and everyone has been struggling following the devastation of Yutu.

"We're all struggling ... Just with all the pressure that has been going on, tempers will flare but we ask for the community's understanding and try to understand the situation," he said.

Guerrero added that everybody has been hurting because everyone has sustained damage as a result of Yutu.

"Even I sustained damage from the storm.... We're all trying to cope with it and arguing with each other or getting fists involved is not going to solve it. You're just creating more problems for yourself and your family," he said.

Guerrero said that police officers have been working around the clock and have been more vigilant in terms of safety whether its burglary or minor or major altercations.

Guerrero said that police officers have even been working 16-hour shifts to ensure peace in the CNMI community in such a tough time.

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FAA lends mobile traffic control tower to Saipan airport

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The Federal Aviation Administration, which has been assisting the CNMI since Super Typhoon Yutu barreled through Saipan and Tinian in late October, has installed a mobile air traffic control tower at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to help it be able to receive incoming flights.

Tim Cornelison, Air Traffic manager of the FAA Guam Air Route Traffic Control Center, told *Saipan Tribune* that FAA brought in the mobile Airport Traffic Control Tower from Boise, Idaho, just a few days after the storm. "We shipped that here so we have a place to operate from."

"And the mobile ATCT is fully functional...it was shipped in a military plane. We picked it up and had it placed on top of two containers to give it more of a little elevation."

"All ATC services that have been normally provided from the Saipan airport's ATCT facility have been temporarily transferred to the FAA's mobile facility until repairs to the building have been completed."

"This [mobile ATC] tower was very basic when it got here. So, we needed all the instrumentation that was in the [Saipan] tower. We ran all the cables from the tower to this to get all the instrumentation that we needed from there to this one," said Cornelison.

He related that all electronic navigational aids at the Saipan airport were completely destroyed in the wake of Super

Typhoon Yutu while the ATCT and base building suffered substantial damage.

The glass windows of the airport's ATCT blew inside, allowing water to get inside the building and damage the equipment. The walls must be replaced while water also entered the elevator shaft. The Saipan airport's six jet bridges were also damaged.

As of Nov. 25, all electronic navigational aids at the Saipan airport have been fully restored and the FAA is working with the Commonwealth Ports Authority to assess and repair the damages to the ATCT and base building. "Right now, all of the navigation needs of the Saipan airport had been restored."

"The accomplishments of this small group of people to restore these services within one month is nothing short of remarkable, and could not have possible without the support of the entire FAA organization, our federal partners [Federal Emergency Management Agency], the [U.S.] Department of Defense, and, of course, our local partners, the CPA, and the [CNMI] Office of the Governor," he said.

FAA officials in Guam have been on Saipan since Oct. 25 and worked to restore air traffic control services and electronic air navigation facilities of both the Saipan and Tinian airports.

Cornelison, who came to Saipan on a U.S. Navy helicopter from Guam, was with a group of 15 FAA technical operations employees from Guam, Saipan, and other locations throughout the western



United States who have been assisting local airport officials.

Cornelison, who also serves as FAA's Western Pacific Regional Administrators Local Coordinator for Guam and the CNMI, said: "We will be here for quite a while until all the repairs are finished here. After we did our assessment, we know that there was going to be extensive repairs here. It could take months..."

"So, when it comes to the overall restoration of the airport, we got a great deal of support from a lot of people. We worked very closely with CPA and its board of directors. The local government as well had a great deal of support in prioritizing what we needed and getting the equipment we needed to get the airport back up to 100 percent," said Cornelison.

"The effort and help of every FAA people all over the country in searching for the parts to make sure we have everything that we needed to put the airport back together [is incredible]. So, it was really an amazing effort and support from a lot of people."

In addition to the navigational aids in Guam and the CNMI, FAA technical operations employees based in Guam and Saipan install, maintain, and certify the navigational aids at the airports in Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.

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The Federal Aviation Administration has installed a mobile air traffic control tower on top of an empty cargo container to assist on the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport's air traffic control services.

Aircraft makes emergency landing in Guam

ASAN, Guam—A light, civilian aircraft made an emergency landing on Naval Base Guam's Orote Point Airfield yesterday morning.

Naval Base Guam Fire and Emergency Services responded immediately and transported two injured occupants to Naval Hospital Guam. There were no fatalities.

The plane's trajectory and momentum at landing carried it off the runway and into the surrounding jungle, where

damage to the craft occurred. No damage occurred to the runway or operational facilities. Civil Authorities are investigating the incident.

In close coordination with government of Guam Homeland Security/Civil Defense, Naval Base Guam Emergency Operations Center and Joint Region Marianas Regional Operation Center are coordinating notification and further reporting as necessary. (PR)

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SIS art class makes art out of tragedy

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Inspired by the works of a CNMI artist who turned Super Typhoon Yutu debris into works of inspirational art, an

art class with the Saipan International School are painting works of art on tin sheets scattered throughout Saipan.

Following in the footsteps of artist Meena Benavente, the SIS Environmental Art Class

has been doing their artwork on scattered tin roofs and displaying them in their campus.

SIS teacher Amie McRoberts told *Saipan Tribune* that the art class tries to make different projects focus-

ing on recycled materials. The class recently finished a cardboard shoe challenge and was looking for a new project when Super Typhoon Yutu hit in late October 2018.

"My students were inspired

by Meena Benavente's art that she has placed all over the island," McRoberts told *Saipan Tribune*. "It was the perfect project for our class."

McRoberts teaches the class, which is mostly composed of seniors.

"I am so proud of the students and how well they worked together to complete the project. They would like to paint some more, but ran out of acrylic paint," she said, adding that there is so much tin on the island right now. "I love how the students and Meena are making something beautiful out of the destruction and devastation on island."

Donations of paint would be much appreciated by the class so its students can continue their project. *Saipan Tribune* learned over the weekend that the SIS Middle School art class, led by teacher Kathy Ruszala, is also looking to follow Benavente's footsteps.

"...Most of our school materials, including art supplies and projects, were ruined," said Ruszala in the aftermath of Yutu. "Using what we could salvage, we followed Meena's footsteps and used her as our artist inspiration."

SIS headmaster Ron Snyder is proud of the outcome. "I am proud of the creativity and innovation that our teachers and

students have shown in their response to Super Typhoon Yutu," he said. "It is really amazing how they are able to turn the devastation into works of art and a true example of how we remain gecko-strong!" The gecko is the school's mascot.

For those interested in donating acrylic paints, McRoberts said the donations may be dropped off at the school's office in As Lito.

BOG names new director; dividends declared

John S. San Agustin has been appointed to the board of BankGuam Holding Co., Bank of Guam, and BG Investment Services Inc., following the retirement of Joe T. San Agustin, his father, on Oct. 31, 2018.

Following the board's Nov. 26 meeting, San Agustin was also appointed to serve as a member of the audit, nominating and governance, and compensation committees of the board of directors of the company and the bank, and the executive and loan committees of the bank.

San Agustin is currently a partner at Morling & Company, a financial services firm specializing in tax, accounting and financial consulting located in San Francisco, California that emphasizes small and high net worth clients. He has been with Morling for over 18 years, specializing in employee stock option planning, international taxation, retirement plans and estate/fiduciary taxation.

San Agustin is a graduate of Fr. Duenas Memorial School and St. Mary's College in Moraga, California.

"I am very pleased at the appointment of John to our board of directors. His extensive business, accounting and tax experience and community involvement in the San Francisco Bay Area bring a seasoned perspective and deep knowledge to our company. We look forward to his many contributions to our mission and purpose," said Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam board chair, president and chief executive officer.

The board of directors also declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for the holders of its common stock and a dividend payment to the holders of the company's 5.5 percent fixed rate/floating rate noncumulative preferred stock, series A, at its board's regular meeting held on Nov. 26, 2018. The dividends will be paid on Dec. 31, 2018, to shareholders of record as of Dec. 14, 2018. **(BOG)**



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Saipan International School Middle School art class students, led by teacher Kathy Ruszala, pose with their works of art made on Super Typhoon Yutu debris.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Labor chief to keynote SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter will have its general membership meeting this Thursday, Dec. 6, at Hyatt's Regency Saipan's ballroom beginning at 11:30am. Keynote speaker is Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, who will discuss the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program and other disaster-related issues relevant to labor.

This meeting is open to the public and will provide invaluable information for employers, managers, and HR professionals and staff. The presentation includes the Hyatt buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmichapter.shrm.org>. **(PR)**

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 and at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from Dec. 3 up to Dec. 7, from 10am to 3pm.

Training will also be conducted at W-517 on Dec. 6, from 3pm to 7pm.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators moni-

tor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. **(PR)**

MVA meeting on Dec. 14

The Marianas Visitors Authority's semi-annual general membership meeting originally scheduled for November has been rescheduled to Dec. 14, at 10am at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Guest speakers from the MVA's offshore offices will provide a recap of fiscal year 2018 projects and the MVA's marketing plans for fiscal year 2019, including post-typhoon recovery plans. Admission is \$20 for MVA members and \$25 for non-members. RSVP by emailing MVA Community Projects Division at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or calling 664-3210. **(PR)**

Navy to conduct underwater training in Piti

ASAN, Guam—U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 will conduct routine underwater det-

onation training at the Piti Floating Mine Neutralization Site on Dec. 5, from 8am to 4pm.

EODMU-5 will detonate 5-lb explosive at the designated location on a sandy area of the sea floor.

For the safety of the public and participants involved, the Coast Guard will establish safety zones to restrict access in the vicinity of the training area.

EODMU-5 performs routine underwater detonation training to develop the skills needed to be ready to rapidly respond to operational missions and unexploded ordnance support on Guam and the CNMI.

The Navy conducted a multi-year environmental analysis, which the National Marine Fisheries Service, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act, granted the Navy authorization to conduct underwater detonation training. The Navy is a committed environmental steward and employs protective measures to safeguard marine resources.

For the safety of personnel and marine life, the area will be visually cleared by divers and by lookouts on the surface before, during and after the exercise. All activity will cease temporarily if a person or marine life is seen in the area. **(PR)**

Year-end celebration on Dec. 29

On Dec. 29, the Marianas Visitors Authority and its tourism partners will host the Marianas Strong Year-end Celebration at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, from 5pm to 10pm. The celebration will also be highlighted by the

Mochitsuki Festival, featuring the Japan tradition of rice pounding in preparation for the new year. The Christmas in the Marianas celebration, previously scheduled for Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2018, is cancelled. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com or contact the MVA at info@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3200/1. **(PR)**

Saipan chamber meeting this Dec.

The December membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Lunch will begin at 11:30am and the meeting will follow promptly at 12pm. Guest speakers are still being confirmed. **(PR)**

ROE deadline is Dec. 8

The CNMI is implementing this temporary emergency tent and roofing installation program, called Temporary Emergency Tent and Roofing Installation Support program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is funding and coordinating the efforts of U.S. Department of Defense partners.

The CNMI is the sole entity determining who will receive tents. To apply for the program, residents must complete a Right of Entry form. ROEs may be obtained by visiting the FEMA Saipan Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe or Fire Station 4 in Koblerville. For questions, on Saipan, call: (670) 664-9083. The deadline for ROE submissions is Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. **(PR)**

Torres reassures that recovery is moving swiftly

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres assures its tourism partners that recovery is proceeding steadily and faster than expected, with the accelerated assistance of United States federal and military partners.

“The Marianas remains a safe and fun destination for visitors from all over the world. Our warm island hospitality is internationally known, and our natural environment and water activities are among the top reasons why the Marianas is a preferred destination for everyone near and far. We will continue to make sure that our visitors have an enjoyable and safe experience,” Torres said.

Immediately after Super Typhoon Yutu's landfall, Torres,

the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other industry partners met to talk about market needs and resiliency for the future.

“It was a very productive meeting of all tourism stakeholders. We are very committed to making sure the Marianas continues to be our region's preferred destination,” MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion said.

Major hotels have continued to operate smoothly throughout the recovery period under independent power and water systems, but most of them are now back on the power grid. Most of the central Garapan tourist dis-

trict is back on regular power, with stores and businesses back on normal operations.

Over the last month, the CNMI government, in coordination with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other federal agencies, has restored more than 50 percent of power and more than 80 percent of water production on Saipan. Tinian water production is at 100 percent. Large portions of Tinian will be energized by Christmas.

While debris-clearing continues, major tourist sites are open and continue to receive visitors each day, including Banzai Cliff, the Grotto, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, and Last Command Post. Managaha is open, and

beaches are all fully open. Water sports and most land tours have also resumed.

The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport is open for daytime and nighttime opera-

tions and on the power grid. The Tinian International Airport is on a FEMA generator.

The Commonwealth Health Center continues to offer full services.

The Marianas is rapidly recovering and back in business to receive tourists from its key source markets of Japan, Korea, China, and around the world. **(PR)**

Underwood named president emeritus

Robert A. Underwood, former president of the University of Guam, has been named president emeritus following a resolution passed by the university board of regents on Nov. 15.

He is now one of four former presidents in UOG's history to be granted the title, joining Antonio C. Yamashita (1964–1970, 1974–1977), Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero (1988–1993), and Harold L. Allen (2001–2008).

The board grants emeritus

status to professors, regents, directors, deans, vice presidents, or presidents who are nominated, meet specific criteria, and pass a committee review process.

The status is recommended by a regent to the board. Criteria include serving the university for at least 10 years, three of which are as president, and having distinguished him or herself by making significant contributions to the university.

As a president emeritus,

Underwood will have the freedom to remain involved with the university through participation at university-sponsored events, on university committees, as a campus speaker, and in UOG-administered grants, contracts, lectureships, and research or service projects.

Underwood also holds the emeritus status as a professor, which requires at least 15 years of service as a full-time faculty member or administrator at UOG. Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero is the only other former president to hold both president and professor emeritus titles. **(UOG)**



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The Uighur detention camps

When allegations first surfaced that China was spiriting Uighurs and other Muslims away from their homes in the autonomous far-western Xinjiang region and sending them to detention camps, the Chinese government said it wasn't happening. Rather, the government insisted, those reports were fabricated by human rights groups with a political animus.

Two months later the government partially acknowledged the program, saying it was giving minor criminals an opportunity to change their ways by learning new skills at "boarding schools." Then early this month, China's vice foreign minister, Le Yucheng, again dismissed the criticisms of the country's human rights record as politically motivated, and described the detention centers as educational facilities where "trainees" formerly "controlled by extremist ideology" were learning new ways. "It's another important contribution of China's to the global counter-terror field," Le said, evidently with a straight face.

No, it's not. What the Chinese government appears to be doing is reprising one of the dark chapters of the Mao Tse-tung years by reportedly forcing dissidents, or those considered to be potential dissidents, into concentration camps and subjecting them to brainwashing and, according to some former detainees, torture. Those arrested are held incommunicado, and families often can only guess that relatives they suddenly can't find have been snatched by the police. Authorities also reportedly have been sweeping up and detaining the Chinese-based relatives of Uighurs who have criticized the government from abroad. That is an especially atrocious practice that must come to an end. But how to force China's hand on an issue its leaders no doubt view as a purely internal matter is the hard part.

In recent years, President Xi Jinping has solidified his control over the Communist Party and thus the central government. The government has turned universities into "party strongholds" where it uses surveillance and undercover agents to ferret out those who stray from party orthodoxy. It has also jailed pro-democracy activists as well as some of the human rights lawyers who rose to represent them, and cracked down on some religious practices.

Xi also has sought to increase China's footprint in Southeast Asia, including by creating disputed military outposts on rocky outcroppings in international waters. So far, the international community has been unable to come up with a practical response to China's expansionism. That Xi feels he can oppress the Uighurs with impunity is a measure of how little sway the international community has with him.

It's true that some Uighur separatists have carried out sporadic terrorist attacks in Xinjiang province as well as in Beijing and other locations. But experts in the region report no serious, concerted independence movement, and the levels of attacks, while a concern to the Chinese government, do not merit such an atrocious and overwhelming violation

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KC Christians completely failed young missionary

Here's what I wondered, when I first read about the 26-year-old who got himself killed by tribesmen who had no idea he was on their remote Indian island to "share the love of God." Who for the love of God had let poor John Allen Chau believe that Christ wanted him to run up a beach yelling, "Jesus loves you!" at people who see outsiders as a threat?

We know the answer now, because Chau's enablers proudly called The Star to claim credit for the Kansas City-based All Nations Christian missionary training agency.

Mary Ho, international executive leader of the group that trained the young Washington State native for his predictably fatal trip to North Sentinel Island in the Andaman Sea, told The Star that he was "very, very well prepared" and from quite an early age "knew that he was called to be a missionary" to the Sentinelese.

I have seen Christian missionaries doing God's work in some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable, and have the greatest respect for both their service and their faith.

But to paddle up to an island where the world's most isolated people so reliably shoot arrows at intruders that for safety's sake it's been put off limits by the Indian government? And to sneak past patrol boats to venture where any trespasser who did survive could wipe out the Sentinelese, because they have no immunity to outside diseases? That is not, as the All Nations website says, "courageous and humble."

No, it's hubristic, and if not suicidal then tragically naive.

On the final pages of Chau's journal, which he asked to be returned to his family and to All Nations in the event of his death, the Oral Roberts University grad writes about being destined to serve as a kind of modern-day Isaiah: "God, I thank you for choosing me while I was not even yet formed in my mother's womb to be your messenger of your Good News to the people of North Sentinel Island."

He means to save souls, but doesn't seem to have considered that he posed a serious physical danger to those he meant to help: "Lord," he writes, "is this island Satan's last stronghold where none have heard or even had the chance to hear your name?"

"His final message to a friend in his journal is, 'Remember, the first one to heaven wins.' And just as Jesus prayed on the cross, he writes, 'O Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'"

All Nations owed it to Chau to challenge rather than support a plan that was not just high-risk, but doomed from the start.

One anthropologist who did manage to make contact with the tribesmen decades ago has said Chau should have backed off when the islanders shot warning arrows: "He had enough chance to save himself," said T.N. Pandit, who is in his 80s now. "But he persisted and paid with his life."

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The Kansas City Star



To avoid more unnecessary fatalities, the nonprofit Survival International has asked Indian authorities "to abandon efforts to recover John Allen Chau's body," which fishermen believe they saw being dragged across the beach and buried there.

Such an attempt would not just be dangerous to the team going in to retrieve his remains, but to the Sentinelese, since as Survival International said in a statement, "the risk of a deadly epidemic of flu, measles or other outside disease is very real. ... Mr. Chau's body should be left alone."

Yet even now, Ho insists there was nothing ill-conceived about the trip. Asked how much she or others at All Nations really knew about his destination, she said, "We know they were unreachable by the Gospel, and we know that they are generally an uncontacted tribe. We didn't know much, because there's not a lot of information out there about them."

Yes, she said, they did know that the Sentinelese were unwelcoming, but Chau "really wanted to get to know them" and "was hoping to win them over, the way many of us may not have initially the most welcoming neighbors."

Not many of us, though, would knowingly move in next door to a family that had killed or tried to kill a succession of previous occupants.

Ho sees Chau as no different than the firefighter or police officer who assumes risk in order to be of service, then carefully trains for the job and proceeds with caution. But did she really think he'd succeed where others had not?

"We definitely knew he would do his best to try," she said. "It's hard to gauge success."

A young man's body buried on the beach, however, is so clearly what failure looks like that it wouldn't be right, even in deference to his grieving loved ones, to portray his well-intentioned acts as anything other than irresponsible. That All Nations did nothing to dissuade him was unconscionably negligent, and maybe even actionable. One party I do not blame, though, is Jesus, because I can't believe a loving God would make such a terrible call.

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College readiness

When colleges are confronted regarding low six-year graduation rates (52 percent in Texas) and low persistence rates—the rate at which freshman continue into the second year of college (about 73 percent nationally), the immediate response of too many in leadership positions is to blame high schools for low college readiness marks. College readiness is the level at which high school seniors appear to be prepared for college studies. I am not prone to “blame down” or attribute a lack of college readiness solely to high schools.

Various approaches around the nation regarding low college readiness and solutions to the problem are being tested. Many of the students from the rural community of Onalaska, Washington, go on to college; last year every senior was granted admission to college. Even more telling is the fact that many of them come back to Onalaska to work and start families. This, according to a recent Hechinger report, is a frontline battle to reduce “rural brain drain.” Onalaska, guided by local values and tenacity, has changed the rules. College is becoming the default expectation. Their own are being prepared.

This is a win-win-win situation. The school benefits—graduates are more successful. Students benefit—they are better prepared for college. The community benefits—young people return to the community they love and contribute to effective social structure through positive family life and economic development.

College readiness includes the knowledge and insight that high school graduates need to be successful as freshman in college. Those qualifications include a general understanding of math, language, history, science and the foundations of productive citizenship. Students need to know problem solving and its foundation, critical thinking.

Typically, a well-prepared college student has four attributes: reasonable standardized test scores, a good grade point average,

a competitive class rank and coursework that indicates ability in the basics. These four points create the corners of a box, into which students fit themselves. Strong indicators on at least two of these corners are essential. The greatest likelihood for success in college comes from reasonably good performance on all four corners. Over reliance on just one of the four corners is a mistake. Admissions processes need to look holistically at students and consider various indicators of readiness.

Achieving the Dream works with students who enter community college with deficiencies in any, and in some cases all, of these four corners. When challenges are encountered, developmental courses are recommended without apology. People from all walks of life and every imaginable ethnic and social group have the opportunity to be “shored up” in basic college readiness, no matter the cause of deficiencies.

A Georgetown University Center for Education and the Workforce report affirms the national workforce needs projection—almost three in four jobs by 2020 will require some form of postsecondary training and education. This does not mean everyone should have a bachelor’s degree. According to Inside Higher Ed, the economic recovery from 2010 until 2016 created 11.5 million new jobs, and nearly every job required some form of postsecondary education or training. However, not all of them require a “college education” evidenced by a bachelors’ degree.

Many universities are doing away with developmental coursework for students who enter college yet are unready in one way or another. This is not a new phenomenon. Joliet Junior College, “America’s first public community college began in 1901 as an experimental postgraduate high school program. It was the “brain child” of J. Stanley Brown, Superintendent of Joliet Township High School, and William Rainey Harper, President of the University of Chicago.” Harper approached the school board

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in Joliet, Illinois, and asked if they might start a college preparation (readiness) program. Too many students from the “Collar Counties” were not ready to enter the University of Chicago. Over a century of service for an unapologetic and purposeful junior college followed.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, offering developmental courses at community colleges is the best approach. Most states are working to shrink the number of hours above those required for a particular degree. Reducing excess hours demonstrates efficiency. Many university leaders argue college readiness coursework in community colleges is most effective from all perspectives. The recognition of this reality is a healthy step in getting students ready for university study should their life aspirations and abilities require a bachelor’s degree. This approach echoes the partnership from Chicago and the mission of Joliet Junior College model.

The challenges of college readiness will not go away. With increased numbers of people entering universities through dual enrollment, or as nontraditional students, and with ever pressing cost increases, college readiness will continue to be an issue.

Finding fault with any aspect of family life, high school preparation, or other legitimate components of college readiness doesn’t address the issue. Action does.

The parable of the ‘good guy with a gun’ is rewritten

Emantic Bradford Jr. was at the intersection of three powerful vectors of American culture on Thanksgiving night—consumerism, racism and gun culture.

It wasn’t the shopping that killed him.

Bradford died last Thursday at the Riverchase Galleria mall outside Birmingham, Alabama, where Black Friday came early. There was an “original altercation,” according to officials, on the second floor of the mall outside Foot Action near the J.C. Penney. A bad guy with a gun wounded two people before fleeing.

Then the police arrived. Apparently they were unable to discern whether Bradford, who had a concealed-carry license and had his gun drawn in the wake of the violence, was a good guy or a bad guy. What they saw was a 21-year-old black guy. With a gun. You know what happened next.

“Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are extended to the families of those affected by the traumatic events surrounding the officer-involved shooting last Thursday evening, November 22, 2018,” reads a statement from the Alabama city of Hoover and its police department.

That evasive mumble was not the first police statement on the killing, however. The police initially had a more straightforward declaration, describing the officer’s shooting of Bradford as “heroic.” Authorities then concluded that, on second thought, it was “unlikely” that Bradford had been involved in the previous shooting. Now, with a little more time and information,

they have moved on to the “sympathy and thoughts” phase of the “officer-involved” tragedy.

“Any gun in the hands of a good man is no threat to anyone, except bad people,” said Charlton Heston during his long tenure as mascot for the National Rifle Association.

Unfortunately, the actor died before revealing the secret of how to tell a good man with a gun from a bad one. NRA leader Wayne LaPierre fashioned his own version of the slogan—“The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun”—after the 2012 massacre of children in Newtown, Connecticut, by a young psychopath whose mother had encouraged his affection for guns.

Yet once again, the critical information—how to tell the good guys from bad—went missing.

Without it, the lethal downside of the NRA’s obsession with putting guns in the hands of anyone who wants one, anywhere he wants it, for any reason whatsoever, becomes acute.

Alabama, for example, combines some of the nation’s shoddiest gun laws with one of the nation’s highest rates of gun violence. Unless police get hold of the magic recipe for telling good guys from bad, confrontations are likely to be tense, and confusion inevitable. And if the subject of police attention under such stressful conditions is a black male, the results can be “traumatic” indeed.

The NRA has been silent about Bradford’s killing, as it typi-

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cally is after shooting deaths of innocent black men, whether the dead had been armed or not. The organization spreads fear and loathing of government agents—“jack-booted thugs,” as LaPierre once called them—and the group’s web site features a stew of reactionary paranoia and anti-government propaganda. But the NRA doesn’t get worked up when government agents wrongfully kill black men.

The crossroads of consumerism, racism and gun culture, where Emantic Bradford Jr. died on Thanksgiving night, is where the NRA lives. Black Friday is typically the biggest sales day of the year for the gun industry. Black deaths are collateral damage on the way to the cash register.

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of human rights. In that regard, it resembles the Myanmar government’s brutal reaction (which has included killings, rapes and arson) to scattered attacks by Rohingya militias. Whatever the provocation, the grossly out-of-balance responses in both are uncalled for.






The world’s failure to find a strategy to counter China’s human rights transgressions is not Trump’s fault. President Obama similarly had trouble finding a pressure point to change the behavior of an economic giant without damaging global trade. But it must be done. When government repression occurs without consequence, the result is more repression. That is the path back to a disastrous past that the world should work hard not to relive.

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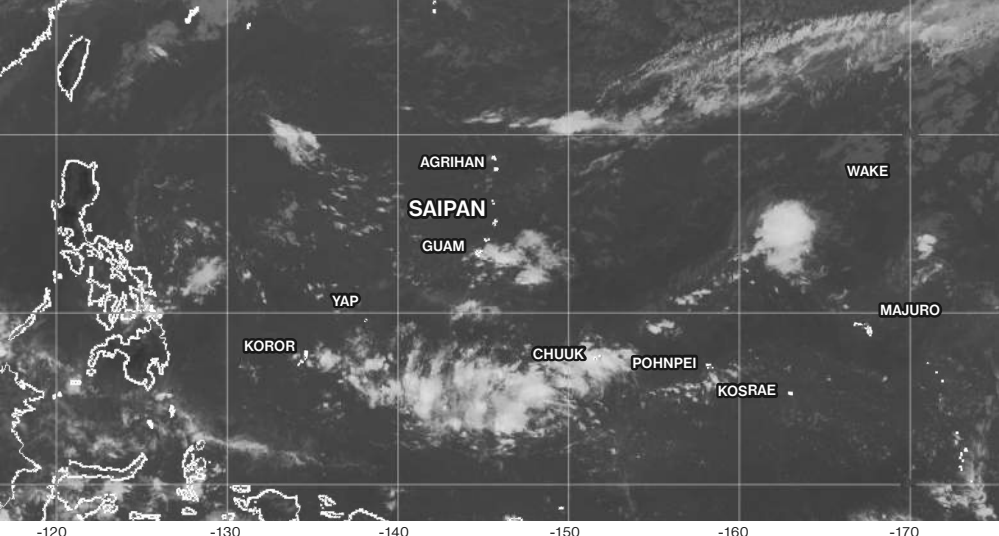


The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 76°	▲ 89° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:03 AM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The trade wind surge, fueled by strong high pressure north of the region, will keep winds elevated for most of the week, with breezy conditions today and Tuesday. Otherwise, only isolated showers can be expected in the absence of any significant weather makers this week. A Small Craft Advisory is in effect through at least Tuesday night, and one may be needed at times later in the week as well. Trades will be fresh to strong through Tuesday, then drop to fresh the rest of the week--but never very far from small craft thresholds. Seas will hit 10 feet by Wednesday, mainly in Tinian-Saipan waters. A High Surf Advisory will likely not be needed, since the main swell is from the east, but the risk of rip currents will probably become high along east facing reefs by mid-week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	66° / 55°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	37° / 23°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	77° / 72°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°	
London	Mostly Sunny	43° / 41°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	69° / 52°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	81° / 57°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	83° / 64°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	43° / 29°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°	
Paris	Showers	52° / 45°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	55° / 43°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	63° / 50°	
Salem	Sunny	54° / 32°	
San Francisco	Showers	52° / 48°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	39° / 28°	
Tokyo	Showers	63° / 46°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	44° / 30°	



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5:49 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.61	
11:20 AM	LOW TIDE	0.78	
5:12 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.02	
-	-	-	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:28 AM	5:45 PM
Wednesday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:29 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:30 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:28 AM	3:34 PM	-
Wednesday	4:21 AM	4:17 PM	-
Thursday	5:14 AM	5:02 PM	-
Friday	6:08 AM	5:48 PM	-
Saturday	7:01 AM	6:37 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2018

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA105	4:45pm	5:25pm	2, 4	UA104	3:00pm	3:41pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) – temporarily suspended				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN – temporarily suspended			
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily <i>resume from Nov 27</i>	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily <i>resume from Nov 27</i>
Temporarily suspended:				Temporarily suspended:			
TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4	TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5	TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily	TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
				7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) – resume from Nov 28				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 28			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH) – resume from Nov 28				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 28			
JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) – resume from Nov 26				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 26			
3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) – resume from Nov 27				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN – resume from Nov 27			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	4:45pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM	UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4 <i>resume from Nov 28</i>	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7 <i>resume from Nov 28</i>
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>
UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6 <i>resume from Nov 22</i>
UA105/159	4:45pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM	UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
				UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

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STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Where are the drones? Amazon's customers are still waiting

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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When you're not a big fan of boozy office party

Q Every year, during the holiday season, our company hosts a party to which all employees are invited. Because there is always an open bar, this event typically turns into a sloppy, booze-filled celebration which continues into the wee hours of the morning.

A Although I don't condemn others for drinking, I prefer to avoid alcohol. Alcoholism runs in my family, so I have seen first-hand the problems caused by excessive drinking. On top of that, I don't care for the taste. But while I am willing to tolerate the drinkers' choices, they seem much less willing to accept mine.

Q In previous years, my coworkers have teased me about being a party-killer and implied that I am somehow strange, saying things like, "Can't you just loosen up and have some fun?" This has become so tiresome that I have considered skipping the party altogether. Do you have any advice for managing this situation?

A Drinking seldom makes people more reticent or polite, so you're wise to plan ahead for these boozy encounters. If you wish to avoid sticking out, keep a non-alcoholic beverage in your hand at all times. Orange juice, soft drinks, and sparkling water are available at almost every bar. If you are holding a glass, your abstinence will be less obvious.

Avoid making declarations about your sober status. If someone offers to fetch you a drink, just say, "No, thanks. I'll get something in a little while." In response to direct inquiries, offer a simple but true reply: "I've found that alcohol doesn't agree with me, but I'm happy with my soda."

While among the revelers, maintain a cheerful and friendly attitude. As long as you appear to be enjoying yourself, people are less likely to speculate about your alcohol consumption. If obnoxious coworkers make rude or intrusive comments, you have no obligation to respond. Simply change the subject or end the conversation.

Finally, keep all observations about party behavior to yourself. If you don't want your colleagues to bug you about being sober, you must never mention the stupid things they do when they're drunk.

Q I am puzzled about the actions of some senior managers in my new company. Whenever they come into my area or pass me in the hall, they walk right by without making eye contact. Since we have been introduced, this lack of acknowledgement seems odd.

A Although my immediate supervisor seems pleased with my performance, I can't help wondering if upper management has a different impression. I am also unsure about how to react when I see them. What do you think?

A Sadly, your aloof executives are not atypical. I often hear complaints about senior managers who walk by employees without speaking, apparently not realizing that this makes them seem like arrogant jerks. So even though their conduct is both dismissive and demoralizing, it's probably not personal.

In the future, when these higher-ups are in your vicinity, simply smile and say hello. If they fail to respond, just assume they are lost in thought or preoccupied with important problems. And remember that this rudeness reflects badly on them, not you.

By **DAVID KOENIG and JOSEPH PISANI**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeff Bezos boldly predicted five years ago that drones would be carrying Amazon packages to people's doorsteps by now.

Amazon customers are still waiting. And it's unclear when, if ever, this particular order by the company's founder and CEO will arrive.

Bezos made billions of dollars by transforming the retail sector. But overcoming the regulatory hurdles and safety issues posed by drones appears to be a challenge even for the world's wealthiest man. The result is a blown deadline on his claim to CBS' "60 Minutes" in December 2013 that drones would be making deliveries within five years.

The day may not be far off when drones will carry medicine to people in rural or remote areas, but the marketing hype around instant delivery of consumer goods looks more and more like just that — hype. Drones have a short battery life, and privacy concerns can be a hindrance, too.

"I don't think you will see delivery of burritos or diapers in the suburbs," says drone analyst Colin Snow.

Drone usage has grown rapidly in some industries, but mostly outside the retail sector and direct interaction with consumers.

The government estimates that about 110,000 commercial drones are operating in U.S. airspace, and the number is expected to soar to about 450,000 in 2022. They are being used in rural areas for mining and agriculture, for inspecting power lines and pipelines, and for surveying.

Amazon says it is still pushing ahead with plans to use drones for quick deliveries, though the company is staying away from fixed timelines.

"We are committed to making our goal of delivering pack-



In this Sept. 13, 2018, file photo Jeff Bezos, Amazon founder and CEO, speaks at The Economic Club of Washington's Milestone Celebration in Washington. AP

ages by drones in 30 minutes or less a reality," says Amazon spokeswoman Kristen Kish. The Seattle-based online retail giant says it has drone development centers in the United States, Austria, France, Israel and the United Kingdom.

Delivery companies have been testing the use of drones to deliver emergency supplies and to cover ground quickly in less populated areas. By contrast, package deliveries would be concentrated in office parks and neighborhoods where there are bigger issues around safety and privacy.

In May, the Trump administration approved a three-year program for private companies and local government agencies to test drones for deliveries, inspections and other tasks.

But pilot programs by major delivery companies suggest few Americans will be greeted by package-bearing drones any time soon. United Parcel Service tested launching a drone from a delivery truck that was covering a rural route in Flor-

ida. DHL Express, the German delivery company, tested the use of drones to deliver medicine from Tanzania to an island in Lake Victoria.

Frank Appel, the CEO of DHL's parent company, Deutsche Post AG, said "over the next couple of years" drones will remain a niche vehicle and not widely used. He said a big obstacle is battery life.

"If you have to recharge them every other hour, then you need so many drones and you have to orchestrate that. So good luck with that," he told The Associated Press.

Appel said human couriers have another big advantage over drones: They know where customers live and which doorbell to ring. "To program that in IT is not that easy and not cheap," he said.

Analysts say it will take years for the Federal Aviation Administration to write all the rules to allow widespread drone deliveries.

Snow, the CEO of Skylogic Research, says a rule permit-

ting operators to fly drones beyond their line of sight — so critical to deliveries — is at least 10 years away. A method will be needed to let law enforcement identify drones flying over people—federal officials are worried about their use by terrorists.

While the rules are being written, companies will rely on waivers from the FAA to keep experimenting and running small-scale pilot programs.

"People like DHL and the rest of them (will say), 'Hey, we can deliver via drone this parcel package to this island,' but that's not the original vision that Amazon presented," Snow says.

There is a long list of FAA rules governing drone flights. They generally can't fly higher than 400 feet, over many federal facilities, or within five miles of an airport. Night flights are forbidden. For the delivery business, the most biggest holdup is that the machines must remain within sight of the operator at all times.

US-China trade truce seen boosting US stock market

WASHINGTON (AP)—The truce in the trade dispute between the U.S. and China should boost rattled financial markets, at least likely through year's end, experts say. But the stock market's wild gyrations of recent months likely will persist as the two countries strain to reach a permanent accord.

"The all-clear sign hasn't flashed yet but it's certainly positive news," says Mike Loewengart, vice president of investment strategy at E-Trade.

The U.S. was set to raise tariffs on \$200 billion in Chi-

nese goods Jan. 1. President Donald Trump agreed Saturday in a meeting with Chinese Leader Xi Jinping at the G-20 summit to hold off for 90 days while the two sides try to settle their differences.

That looming deadline, as well as Trump's threat to impose tariffs on an additional \$267 billion of goods from China, possibly including iPhones and laptops, had contributed to sharp declines in stocks since early October.

The agreement buys time for the two countries to work out their differences in a fight

over China's aggressive drive to supplant U.S. technological dominance.

In the short term, at least, strong market gains could be in the offing.

"I think the market will probably respond quite favorably," Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist for CFRA, said in reference to the temporary trade accord. "I do think that a Santa Claus rally is in the making."

After a steep decline in October, stocks steadied in early November, but the selling picked up again as investors abandoned high-flying technol-

ogy stocks amid concerns over the U.S.-China trade tussle and slowing global economic growth. They also bailed on energy stocks as the price of oil plummeted.

The market also feared the Federal Reserve's policy of gradual interest rates hikes could end the longest bull market in history by slowing economic growth and depressing company profits. But last week Fed Chairman Jerome Powell indicated the central bank might consider a pause in rate hikes next year to gauge the impact of its credit tightening.

Nation

Earthquake doesn't disrupt food, fuel supply to Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The supply chain of food and other goods delivered to the Port of Anchorage from the Lower 48 has not been disrupted by the powerful earthquake that caused widespread damage to roads in the Anchorage area.

"The ships are coming in on schedule, the supply lines are at this point uninterrupted," Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz said Sunday at a news conference.

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake rattled the state's largest city early Friday morning swaying buildings and fraying nerves. There were no reports of deaths, serious injuries or structural damage to buildings.

Roads, however, took the brunt of the damage, especially the scenic Glenn Highway, the closest thing Alaska has to an interstate and links the state's largest city to suburban communities to the north.

Traffic has been snarled since the quake. Delays came as drivers were diverted around road damage on temporary

detours or the highway was reduced to one lane while crews try to reconstruct the roadway after the temblor caused sinkholes and buckled pavement.

Employees who live north of Anchorage are being encouraged to take Monday off or work from home if possible to reduce traffic. Gov. Bill Walker, who leaves office at noon Monday, gave state workers in the Anchorage area the day off to help reduce the number of cars on the highway. Schools have been closed until Dec. 10, which should also reduce traffic.

Walker said he would not be traveling to the rural village of Noorvik for the swearing in of Gov.-elect Mike Dunleavy on Monday but instead would remain in Anchorage to keep working on recovery efforts.

Roads aren't the only transportation worry in Alaska.

About 90 percent of all the goods sold in Alaska are delivered to the Port of Anchorage, where officials have completed a preliminary damage assessment.



A tow truck holds a car that was pulled from an off-ramp that collapsed during a morning earthquake on Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska.

AP



ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Toddler accidentally shoots mother in back

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Police say a woman in Louisiana has been accidentally shot in the back by her 2-year-old child. The Shreveport Times reports that the woman was seriously wounded in the shooting early Saturday morning. Police told the newspaper that the woman and her 2-year-old child were in a bedroom when the child appears to have accidentally discharged an unsecured handgun. Authorities say the woman received a single shot to the back and was taken to a hospital. There was no immediate update on her condition Sunday. Police said an investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Houston woman charged in death of son who was decapitated

HOUSTON (AP)—A Houston woman has been charged with capital murder in the death of her 5-year-old son who prosecutors say was drowned and decapitated. Harris County court records show 43-year-old Lihui Liu was being held without bond Sunday. Online records did not list an attorney for Liu, who appeared before a judge Saturday and faced another court appearance on Monday. Houston police

on Friday night responded to a report of a stabbing at a home. Authorities say the boy's father returned from work and found the child's body wrapped in a plastic bag and inside a trash can in the family's garage. Authorities haven't released a possible motive in the killing of the boy. His name wasn't immediately released.

Tempted by movie, Illinois boy puts tongue on frozen pole

SANDWICH, Ill. (AP)—An 11-year-old northern Illinois boy couldn't resist testing the theory that when you place your tongue on a frozen metal pole, it'll stick. Spencer Cline found out the hard way that it does. And it hurts. A lot. He told The (Aurora) Beacon-News his inspiration came from where you'd expect: the movie "A Christmas Story," where one friend dares another to put his tongue on a frozen pole. Spencer, a Sandwich Middle School student, was with a friend. But the friend didn't dare him. With his tongue stuck, Spencer panicked, struggling to communicate he was no longer joking around. The friend searched for hot water, then called an ambulance. Spencer managed to free his aching tongue in the meantime. He and his tongue are expected to make a full recovery.

"Everything looked good," Municipal Manager Bill Falsey said. "There was some structural concerns with some of the trestles. We have got some things on a watch list but nothing that should impede operations."

Two major cargo companies operate at the port. One was offloading barges as normal on Sunday, and the other company is scheduled to offload barges Monday after successfully testing their crane system. Jet fuel was also being unloaded at another terminal Sunday.

"We're estimating we have on hand now automotive gasoline supplies that will be good

for at least three weeks, and that the next shipment comes in on Dec. 7," he said. "We're not expecting any disruptions to those supply chains."

Officials on Saturday encouraged Alaskans not to make a run on grocery stores, saying there was no reason to hoard food.

However, at least one grocery store Sunday morning had no milk and little to no bread, bottled water or bananas.

Berkowitz said the stories he's heard, particularly from grocery stores, in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake was of cooperation and sharing.

"Even when people were



Source: AP
Graphic: Tribune News Service

initially concerned, people who might have been reaching for the last item, looked over and saw someone else and said, 'Yes, we are sharing this with you,'" he said.

He also touted Alaskans' longstanding tradition to stock up for long winters.

"I would encourage people, once the ships get in, once things settle back down, make sure you have the emergency preparations, the emergency kits that you should have," he said.

Schools will be closed for the week so damage assessments can be conducted on about 4,000 classrooms in 86 schools and four other facilities, comprising 8 million square feet, to make sure they are safe for staff and students, Superintendent Dr. Deena Bishop said Sunday.

Bush was political patriarch to enduring American dynasty

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—The Kennedys had their New England coastal hideaway in Hyannis Port, a Camelot-like mystique and a political godfather in Joseph P. Kennedy.

For the country's other political dynasty—the Bushes—it was a summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, and the West Texas oil patch that created a mix of Yale blue-blood and backcountry cowboy, and their own patriarch in George H.W. Bush.

Bush, who died late Friday at age 94, was a World War II hero, a Texas congressman, the director of the CIA, vice president and eventually president. His son, George W., served as Texas governor and two terms in the White House.

Though another son, for-

mer Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, turned monster fundraising into an embarrassingly short-lived 2016 presidential run—his campaign eviscerated by Donald Trump—the family's future political prowess remains intact, including with Jeb's 42-year-old son, George P. Bush, who is seen as a rising GOP star by Republican powerbrokers nationwide. He currently is Texas land commissioner, leading a powerful state agency that oversees mineral rights critical to oil and natural gas exploration on Texas' 13 million acres of public land.

"I think when people hear the name George H.W. Bush they think of the word 'statesman,'" George P. Bush told The Associated Press in 2013.

"And I think his career really represents a generation that many Americans now and in the future will consider our country's greatest generation."

Some historians regard George H.W. Bush as more-bipartisan than his presidential successors—and his softer-spoken, humbler style is a far cry from Trump. Bush is also remembered as ending the Cold War, though he also invaded Panama and brought America to war for the first time against Saddam Hussein.

But defining an overall Bush family political legacy gets tougher, though, when considering that George W. Bush led the Iraq War in 2003, accusing Hussein of having non-existent weapons of mass destruction. And while the el-

der Bush's 1992 re-election bid was marred by his reneging on his "Read my lips: No new taxes" pledge, the younger Bush presided over a financial crisis that triggered the Great Recession.

Russ Baker, author of "Family of Secrets," a biography of the Bushes, said the family is better known for building an enduring political dynasty than for their policy or ideology, especially by following the lead of George H.W. Bush and his wife of 73 years, Barbara, who died in April 2018.

"They meet people and they all know to collect the name of every person you ever meet. Grandfather and grandmother had a Christmas card list of 40,000," Baker said in 2017.

Asia

S. Korea's Moon: Trump wants to grant Kim Jong Un's wishes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president says U.S. President Donald Trump told him he has a "very friendly view" of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and wants to grant his wishes if he denuclearizes.

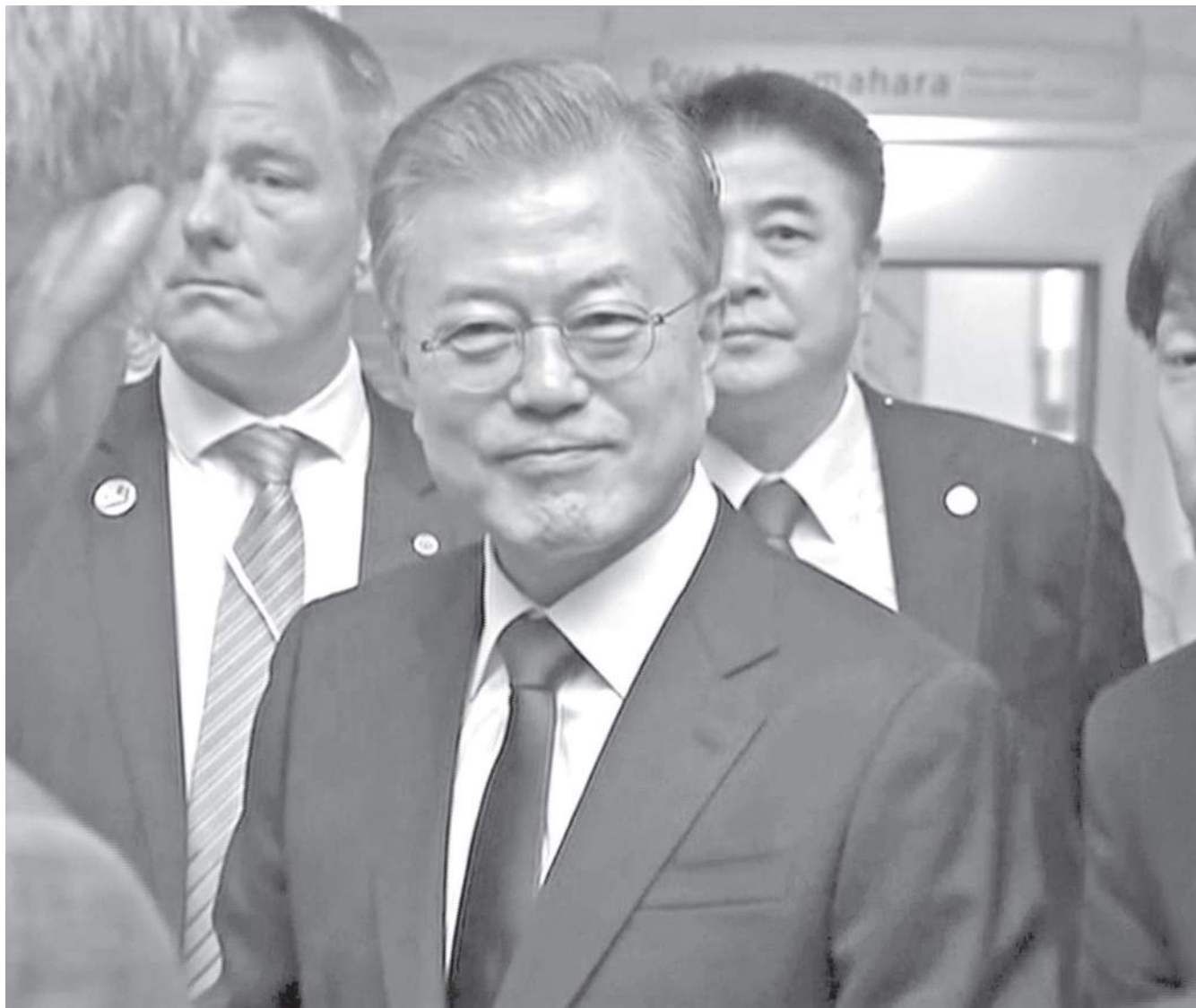
North Korea has sought security guarantees from the U.S. and relief from international sanctions.

President Moon Jae-in's office quoted Moon as saying that Trump asked him to convey those messages to the North Korean leader if he visits Seoul this year as he promised. Moon spoke to reporters on Saturday aboard his presidential plane en route to

New Zealand from Argentina, where he met Trump on the sidelines of a Group of 20 Nations summit.

"President Trump asked me to forward to (Kim) these messages; he has a very friendly view of Chairman Kim Jong Un and likes him. He hopes to fully carry out the remaining agreements (from their June summit in Singapore) together with him so that he will make Chairman Kim Jong Un get what he wants," Moon said.

Moon said he and Trump agreed during their meeting that Kim's trip to Seoul would play a "very positive role" in U.S.-North Korea nuclear di-



In this image made from a video, South Korean President Moon Jae-in, center, prepares to leave after a wreath laying ceremony at the Auckland War Memorial Museum in Auckland, New Zealand Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Airstrike kills 10 civilians in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—At least ten civilians were killed following an airstrike in the eastern Paktia province bordering Pakistan, Afghan officials said Sunday. Shausta Jan Ahady, a former provincial council member, said that women and children were among those killed in the strike carried out a day earlier. He said local residents displayed the bodies and protested on Sunday. Provincial government spokesman Abdullah Hsrat said the airstrike killed four insurgents and that an investigation has been launched into the allegations of civilian casualties. "We are aware of the reports of civilian casualties, but can't confirm it right now, as an investigation is ongoing," said Hsrat. Ahady said the area is under Taliban's control and so exact information is difficult to obtain. In a separate incident in the southern Helmand province, an airstrike killed the Taliban's shadow governor and two of his guards, according to the provincial government spokesman, Omar Zwak. Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's spokesman, in a statement said that Mullah Abdul Manan Akhand, a powerful military commander in the southern region, was among those killed in Saturday's airstrike.

Fire in building leaves 1 dead, 19 hospitalized in India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police say a fire in a 18-story building in India's financial capital Mumbai has left a 70-year-old woman dead and another 19 people hospitalized. The police control

room said nearly 100 people were evacuated from the building as the fire from an electrical duct on the third floor spread upward early Sunday. The Press Trust of India news agency said 77 people who inhaled smoke were treated at a hospital and allowed to go home. Two of the 19 hospitalized were in critical condition, the police said. Four fire engines extinguished the blaze within two hours. Fires are common in India, where building laws and safety norms are often flouted by builders and residents. In December last year, a late-night fire in a Mumbai restaurant killed 15 people.

Pakistan clerics in blasphemy case to face treason charges

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani minister says the detained Islamic clerics who disrupted daily life with rallies across Pakistan following the acquittal of a Christian woman in a blasphemy case will face treason and terrorism charges. Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said on Saturday that Tehreek-e-Labbai party chief Khadim Hussain Rizvi and two other leaders have been booked under treason and terrorism charges. They were initially arrested under pre-emptive laws last week. Chaudhry said police arrested Rizvi's and more than 3000 of his supporters who held violent rallies following the Oct. 31 acquittal of Asia Bibi by the Supreme Court. Bibi had been on death row since 2010 on charges of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Rizvi and other clerics are accused of inciting supporters and making incendiary remarks against the judiciary and military chief.

plomacy. Moon said it's still unclear whether Kim will visit Seoul by the end of this year, and that it's up to the North Korean leader.

Moon, who has facilitated a series of high-level talks between the United States and North Korea including the Trump-Kim summit, has met Kim three times this year. After their third meeting in

Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, in September, Moon said Kim agreed to make a reciprocal visit to Seoul this year. Their two previous summits were held at the countries' shared border village of Panmunjom.

If Kim, a third-generation hereditary ruler, visits Seoul, he would be the first North Korean leader to do so since the

end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Two previous South Korean presidents visited Pyongyang to meet with Kim's late father, Kim Jong Il.

After sharply raising tensions with nuclear and missile tests last year, Kim Jong Un abruptly reached out to Moon and Trump with a vague nuclear disarmament pledge. Subsequent nucle-

ar diplomacy hasn't made headway since the U.S.-North Korea summit in June.

Trump said on Air Force One while returning to Washington from Argentina that his next meeting with Kim Jong Un would likely happen in January or February. He said there were three sites under consideration, but declined to name them.

Argentina and China sign deals strengthening ties after G-20

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—China's president signed new trade deals with Argentina on Sunday as the Asian giant expands its growing role in Latin American economies.

Presidents Mauricio Macri of Argentina and Xi Jinping of China announced the more than 30 agriculture and investment deals during a state visit following the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires. The deals include an agreement to export Argentine cherries to China and an expansion of a currency swap.

China is among Argentina's top export markets, especially for agricultural commodities that are the engine of its economy. It is also one of Argentina's biggest lenders, financing about \$18.2 billion in infra-

structure and other projects, according to the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank.

"China's development benefits Argentina, our region and the world," Macri said during a ceremony at the presidential residence in the outskirts of the Argentine capital.

"We have complementary countries. There are few countries in the world that can buy so many of the high-quality products that we're capable of making," Macri said.

The visit comes after U.S. officials said they had reached a 90-day truce in the trade dispute with China that has rattled financial markets and imperiled global economic growth. That announcement followed a Saturday dinner meeting between Xi and Presi-

dent Donald Trump.

Argentina also granted Xi the top honor awarded to foreign politicians, and the Argentine polo association gave the Chinese leader a polo horse. The South American country is home to the world's top polo players, and Macri said that he wants the sport to make a comeback in China.

Photos released by Argentina's presidency showed a smiling Xi petting the pony with one hand and holding the reins with the other. Macri also put a red polo helmet emblazoned with China's flag on Xi's head.

Xi congratulated Macri on a successful summit and said both of their nations believe the G-20 spirit of solidarity must prevail in "the firm defense of multilateralism and free trade

to build an open global economy and foment the world's prosperity and stability."

Xi then flew to Panama, which has been negotiating a free-trade deal with China after shifting its diplomatic recognition to Beijing from Taiwan last year, a move that led to complaints from U.S. officials.

Chinese companies operate ports on both ends of the Panama Canal, which for most of the 20th Century was seen as a symbol of U.S. influence.

Xi was met at the airport by Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela, and the two leaders planned a private working meeting Monday. The Chinese leader also planned to visit the Cocli locks on the Pacific end of the canal.

World

Paris assesses injuries, damage after worst riot in decade

PARIS (AP)—French President Emmanuel Macron asked for an evaluation of possible protest security measures Sunday, a day after a Paris demonstration against increased taxes and living costs devolved into France's worst urban riot in a decade.

Hours after he flew back to the French capital from the G-20 summit in Argentina, Macron held an emergency

meeting at the Elysee presidential palace while crews worked to remove charred cars, broken glass and graffiti from the famed Champs-Élysées Avenue and other top Paris sites.

Paris police said 133 people were injured, including 23 police officers, as crowds trashed the streets of the capital Saturday. Officers fired tear gas and used water cannon to tamp down the violence as protest-

ers torched cars, smashed windows, looted stores and tagged the Arc de Triomphe with spray paint.

Paris police Prefect Michel Delpuech said some officers described encountering "unprecedented" violence, including protesters using hammers, gardening tools, bolts, aerosol cans as well as rocks in physical confrontations.

Some radical far-right and

far-left activists were involved in the riot, as well as a "great number" of protesters wearing yellow jackets, Delpuech said. The fluorescent jackets, which French motorists are required to have in their cars for emergencies, are an emblem of a grassroots citizens' movement protesting fuel taxes.

The most violent urban riots in a decade engulfed the French capital on Saturday, as "yel-

low jacket" protesters torched cars, smashed windows, looted stores and tagged the Arc de Triomphe in Paris with multi-colored graffiti. (Dec. 1)

Fires were started at six buildings and more than 130 makeshift barricades and 112 vehicles were torched, Delpuech said.

Paris prosecutor Remy Heitz said 378 people remained in police custody as of Sunday evening, 33 of them minors.

Earlier Sunday, Macron visited the Arc de Triomphe, which had damaged statues as well as graffiti. One slogan on the famed war memorial read: "Yellow jackets will triumph." He then headed to a nearby avenue where activists battled police on Saturday to meet with firefighters, police officers and restaurant owners.

At the security meeting, the French leader asked his interior minister to consider making "adaptations" to security procedures to try to contain ongoing protests sparked by rising fuel taxes, Macron's office said in a statement.

Macron also asked Prime Minister Edouard Philippe to meet with the heads of France's major political parties and representatives from the grassroots movement behind the protests.

Plans for an earlier meet-

ing between the prime minister and representatives of the movement collapsed last week after a request to broadcast the talks live was rejected.

It was the third straight weekend of clashes in Paris involving activists dressed in the yellow vests of the new protest movement. The grassroots protests began Nov. 17 with motorists upset over a fuel tax hike, but have grown to encompass a range of demands and complaints that Macron's government does not care about the problems of ordinary people.

The scene in Paris contrasted sharply with protests elsewhere in France that were mostly peaceful.

"It's difficult to reach the end of the month. People work and pay a lot of taxes and we are fed up," said Rabah Mendez, a protester who marched peacefully Saturday in Paris.

Speaking in Buenos Aires before he flew home to Paris, Macron said he welcomed the views of protesters but vowed that those who participated in wreaking havoc would be held responsible for their behavior.

"(Violence) has nothing to do with the peaceful expression of a legitimate anger" and "no cause justifies" attacks on police or pillaging stores and burning buildings, Macron said.



A woman walks past graffiti reading "Paris is ours", near the Arc de Triomphe, in Paris, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018.

AP

Damaging police report looms over Netanyahu re-election bid

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli police on Sunday recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on bribery charges, adding to a growing collection of legal troubles that have clouded the longtime leader's prospects for pursuing re-election next year.

Netanyahu denied the latest allegations. But his fate now lies in the hands of his attorney general, who will decide in the coming months whether the prime minister should stand trial on a host of corruption allegations that could play a central role in next year's election campaign.

In a scathing attack on police investigators in a speech on Sunday, Netanyahu called the investigation a "witch hunt" that was "tainted from the start."

"Israel is a law-abiding country. And in a law-abiding country police recommendations have no legal weight," he told his Likud party at a Hannukah candle-lighting ceremony. Most of his half-hour holiday speech went to

dismissing the allegations, and the boisterous crowd of hundreds of party members rallied behind him.

Sunday's decision followed a lengthy investigation into a case involving Netanyahu's relationship with Shaul Elovitch, the controlling shareholder of Israel's telecom giant Bezeq.

Police said they found sufficient evidence that confidants of Netanyahu promoted regulatory changes worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Bezeq. In exchange, they believe Netanyahu used his connections with Elovitch to receive positive press coverage on Bezeq's popular news site Walla.

In a statement, police said the investigation concluded that Netanyahu and Elovitch engaged in a "bribe-based relationship."

Police said they believed there was sufficient evidence to charge Netanyahu and his wife Sara with accepting bribes, fraud and breach of trust. They also recommended charges be brought against

Elovitch, members of his family and members of his Bezeq management team.

Police have already recommended indicting Netanyahu on corruption charges in two other cases. One involves accepting gifts from billionaire friends, and the second revolves around alleged offers of advantageous legislation for a major newspaper in return for favorable coverage.

The prime minister has denied any wrongdoing.

"The police recommendations regarding me and my wife don't surprise anyone," Netanyahu said in a statement. "These recommendations were decided upon and leaked even before the investigation began."

The police recommendations do not have any immediate impact on Netanyahu. They go to his hand-picked attorney general, Avichai Mandelblit, who will review the material and make the final decision on whether to press charges.

That decision will have a

great impact on Netanyahu's future. Israeli law is unclear about whether an indicted prime minister would have to step down. But at the minimum, a trial would put great pressure on Netanyahu, who has been in office for nearly a decade, to step aside.

Israel must hold its next election by November 2019. But Israeli governments rarely last their full terms.

Netanyahu last month was nearly forced to call elections after a key partner withdrew from his coalition to protest a cease-fire with the Hamas militant group in Gaza. Netanyahu now leads a coalition with a razor-thin 61 seat majority in the 120-seat parliament.

With his Likud Party firmly behind him and his remaining coalition partners remaining silent, there does not seem to be any immediate threat to the government.

Mandelblit's office has not said when he will issue his decision. Most analysts expect him to take several months to review the material.

Ukraine urges German naval presence in Black Sea

MOSCOW (AP)—Ukraine's leader called on Germany and its allies to boost their naval presence in the Black Sea to deter Russia from further aggression in the region and said Russia was blockading Ukrainian ports on the nearby Sea of Azov.

President Petro Poroshenko says Russia has deployed a large number of troops along its border with Ukraine. He alleged in an interview published Sunday that Russia intends to push inland into Ukraine following a clash in the Black Sea between the countries' forces.

"We need a strong, unified, unambiguous reaction to Russia's aggressive behavior," Poroshenko said in the interview published by Germany's Funke Media Group.

Citing the imminent threat of a Russian offensive, Poroshenko convinced the Ukrainian parliament to implement 30 days of martial law.

and said Russia was blockading Ukrainian ports on the nearby Sea of Azov.

During the naval clash a week ago, Russian coast guard vessels fired upon and seized three Ukrainian naval boats and their 24 crew members. The incident has driven tensions between Russia and Ukraine to their highest point since Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014.

"Moscow is trying to create a land corridor from occupied Donbas to occupied Crimea by blockading Mariupol and Berdyansk," Poroshenko said in the interview, referring to two Ukrainian cities on the coast of the Sea of Azov.

Russia and Ukraine have blamed each other for the Nov. 25 clash in the Kerch Strait, which links the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. During that engagement, Russia closed the Kerch Strait to all traffic. Ukrainian officials have since accused Russia of denying passage to Ukrainian commercial traffic in and out of Mariupol and Berdyansk.

Overdrive

A good-looking hybrid? Thank you, Honda



TNS

2019 Honda Insight.

By **LARRY PRINTZ**
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Doesn't it seem as if you're always being told what to do?

When you're growing up, your parents tell you what to do. So do your teacher, your preacher, your high school coach, your scout leader and any number of authority figures. Then you grow up, only to discover that your boss and spouse tell you what to do. And technology has only made this worse.

Your computer nags you to upgrade it, your mobile phone hounds you to answer it, your email demands that you read it, while Alexa chides you to do your chores. And now, even cars are correcting your behavior by correcting your driving while scolding you with a flurry of flashing lights and annoying beeps.

Even the federal government tells you what to do by insisting automakers build cars that meet hundreds of different requirements, and it's why cars like the new 2019 Honda Insight Hybrid exist: to meet federal fuel economy mandates that dictate that an automakers fleet average 54.5 mpg by 2025. But this is one case where being told what's good for us is actually good for us.

Slotting between the Civic and Accord, the new Insight doesn't look dorky or odd like most other hybrids. Its eloquent elegance is striking. It's not merely the best-looking sedan in the Honda line-up; it's the best-looking hybrid on the market, wearing a sophisti-

NUTS & BOLTS

- **Engine:** Atkinson-Cycle 1.5-litre four-cylinder
- **Motors:** AC Synchronous Permanent-Magnet
- **Horsepower:** 151
- **Torque:** 197 pound-feet
- **EPA fuel economy (city-/highway):** 51/45
- **Observed fuel economy:** 42 mpg
- **Wheelbase:** 106.3 inches
- **Length:** 183.6 inches
- **Cargo capacity:** 15.1 cubic feet
- **Curb weight:** 2,987-3,078 pounds
- **IIHS rating:** xx

cation that was once common on all Hondas.

Similarly, the Insight delivers enough power to tackle the Pokey Parkway Grand Prix, but not so much as to make a Middle Eastern oil minister happy. Honda's two-motor hybrid system, similar to the one used in the Accord Hybrid, employs a 1.5-liter Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder engine and a pair of electric motors. One motor drives the front wheels while another produces electricity. The result generates 151 horsepower and 197 pound-feet of torque while returning an EPA-rated 55 mpg city, 49 mpg highway, on base LX and mid grade EX models, 51 mpg city, 45 mpg highway on top-level Touring models. In a mix of heavy-footed suburban and highway driving, the Insight returned 43 mpg.

Obviously, your mileage will be better if you listen to the Insight scolding you to drive efficiently.

Uniquely, the Insight doesn't use a conventional transmission or a continuously variable transmission. Instead, a clutch connects the gas engine and electric generator motor to the electric propulsion motor. This results in power being supplied directly to the front wheels without a conventional transmission, saving weight and space.

As with any electric vehicle, throttle response is strong off the line, feeling sprightly, yet delivering a driveline response. But release your inner Andreotti, and/or increase your speed, and you'll find the gas engine starts droning unpleasantly. Once it does, you'll find the Insight does not like being pushed around; smooth gradual inputs are rewarded. The regenerative braking, which captures energy during deceleration, is satisfactory, and the amount can be adjusted through paddles mounted on the steering wheel.

The Insight offers selectable driving modes, with Sport providing more punch thanks to extra battery assist, and the throttle seems more responsive. But it doesn't make the Insight a corner carver. Instead, you'll find driving it to be akin to a well-engineered mainstream sedan, with a quiet cabin, roomy interior — even in the rear seat — and the usual array of technology.

The roominess is especially notable. Unlike other hybrids, engineers placed the Insight's hybrid 60-cell lithium ion battery pack under the rear seats rather than in the trunk, al-

lowing for a generous 15.1 cubic feet of cargo space and a folding rear seat back. What's also notable is the car's incredibly low seating position, which makes getting in and out of the car a test of core strength.

As you'd expect, the Insight comes with Honda's suite of driver assistance and safety features, which includes Collision Mitigation Braking, Forward Collision Warning, Lane Keeping Assist System, Road Departure Mitigation, Lane Departure Warning, Adaptive Cruise Control and Traffic Sign Recognition.

Of course, the technology most drivers care about is the infotainment package. The bottom line? If you want the larger eight-inch touchscreen, Android Auto or Apple CarPlay, you'll need to pop for the EX or Touring. Bluetooth and USB ports are offered on all models. Similar to the system used on the Honda Accord, there's a power/volume knob but no tuning knob, and while user interface looks more sophisticated, in reality it's not. And Honda's infotainment software issues continue, with Apple CarPlay freezing and the car unable to locate

my iPhone 8 via Bluetooth; it had to be plugged in.

Is it a deal breaker? It depends your priorities. Nevertheless, the third-generation remains the best one Honda has yet produced, with handsome styling, a beautiful interior and quiet demeanor that lent it the aura of a car that belies its price.

And that's something you'd never say about a Toyota Prius.

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DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†Martina Kogure Benavente

(Nan Tinang)

January 30, 1924 – November 29, 2018

Predeceased by Spouse, Parents, & In-Laws:

†Jose Arriola Benavente
†Jose & †Luisa Terlaje Kogure
†Ignacio Villagomez & †Rita Arriola Benavente

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her Children:

Rita B. & Pedro T. Champaco of Texas
(Pete Eugene)
(Joe Vince & Heather Champaco)
David & Helen C. Benavente of Florida
Gemma B. & Albert A. Johnston of Guam
(Nadine J. & Vincent Borja)
(Maribeth J. & Joey Camacho)
(Claressa J. & Jack Shimizu)
John Benavente & Rosie G. Benavente of Guam
(Derrick & Tamara Benavente)
(Joseph John)
Ignacio & Anna Marie L. Benavente of Guam
(Noshista & Christian Delgado)
(Edward)
Estanislao & Annie Marie U. Benavente
(Stanly & Jessica Benavente)
(Joshua & Annette Benavente)
Fernando & Agnes V. Benavente of Hawaii
(Kevin & Ryan)

Brothers & Sisters & In-Laws:

†**Magdalena T.** & †Joaquin S. Pangelinan & Family
†**Maria K.** & †Luis Arriola & Family
†**Ana T. Kogure** & Family
†**Joaquin T. Kogure**
†**Jesus T. Kogure**
†**Trinidad A. Benavente** & Family
†**Dolores A. Benavente** & Family
†**Eluterio A.** & **Solidad A. Benavente** & Family
†**Sr. Veronica A. Benavente**
†**Irminia B. Cox** & Family
†**Estanislao A.** & **Abelina Benavente** & Family
†**Maria B. Atalig** & Family
†**Luis A.** & **Susan Benavente** & Family

Nan Tinang is survived by 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild.

Mass is being offered at St. Jude Thaddeus Church at 5:30pm weekdays, Saturday 5:00pm and on Sunday 8:00am. Her remains will arrive in Saipan on Thursday, December 6, 2018 via United Airlines at 8:15am and would be taken to CHCC Morgue. On Friday, December 7, 2018 her remains would be escorted from CHCC Morgue at 7:30am to Mt. Carmel Cathedral Church for Responso, Holy Rosary, and viewing. Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 11:00am followed by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

We extend our sincerest humble gratitude to all for your prayers and love.

From the children of
†Martina Kogure Benavente (Nan Tinang) and families



Life & Style

Kennedy Center Honors program opens with applause for Bush

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Kennedy Center Honors program celebrating cultural achievement opened Sunday with a standing ovation for the late President George H.W. Bush as host Gloria Estefan recounted his attendance at the arts event in previous years.

"Before we begin with a tribute to our first honoree,"

Estefan said, "I think it's appropriate to recognize the passing of a wonderful man who dedicated his life to service and who graciously attended this event many times during his administration, laughing, applauding, singing along and even shedding a tear from right up there in the presidential box."

Bush died Friday at the age

of 94.

For the second straight year, President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump declined an invitation to the awards. They returned to Washington before dawn Sunday from the Group of 20 summit in Argentina.

This year's honorees for lifetime achievements in the arts were Cher, composer

Philip Glass, country music legend Reba McEntire and jazz icon Wayne Shorter. A special award went to the co-creators of "Hamilton" for their genre-bending musical.

McEntire was introduced by music star Kelly Clarkson, who performed McEntire's hit song "Fancy."

"Sometimes when we

meet our heroes, it doesn't always pan out," Clarkson told McEntire, "but my friendship with you became one of the highlights of my life."

Shorter was hailed by the Kennedy Center for a six-decade career that included collaborations with Art Blakey, Miles Davis, Carlos Santana and Joni Mitchell.

Jason Moran, the Kennedy Center's artistic director for jazz, described Shorter's music in celestial terms.

"His sound holds a special place in the galaxy," Moran said. "I can safely say that somewhere in the galaxy right now, a band is playing one of his pieces."

Glass received his tribute from a fellow Kennedy Center Honors recipient: singer-songwriter Paul Simon.

'Ralph' repeats as No. 1, 'Crazy Rich Asians' flops in China

NEW YORK (AP)—On a typically sleepy post-Thanksgiving weekend in movie theaters, leftovers led the box office and Disney's "Ralph Breaks the Internet" repeated as No. 1 with \$25.8 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The "Wreck-It Ralph" sequel dropped steeply (54 percent) after nearly setting a Thanksgiving record last weekend. But with only one new film in wide release, nothing came close to "Ralph Breaks the Internet," which sends John C. Reilly and Sarah Silverman's video-game characters into cyberspace. In 11 days of release, the \$175 million film has cleared \$207 million worldwide.

Still going strong in its fourth week of release, Universal's "The Grinch" came in second with \$17.7 million in ticket sales. "The Grinch," the Illumination animated production with Benedict Cumberbatch as the Christmas curmudgeon, surpassed \$200 million domestically and edged in front of last week's No. 2 film, the "Rocky" sequel "Creed II."

Like "Ralph Breaks the Internet," MGM's boxing drama



This image released by Disney shows characters, from left, Ralph, voiced by John C. Reilly, Yess, voiced by Taraji P. Henson and Vanellope von Schweetz, voiced by Sarah Silverman in a scene from "Ralph Breaks the Internet." AP

also slid sizably after a big holiday opening, declining 53 percent. "Creed II," with Michael B. Jordan as Adonis Creed, took in \$16.8 million in its second weekend. It has thus far grossed \$81.2 million on a \$50 million budget.

The week's lone new wide release, the Sony Screen Gems horror film "The Possession of Hannah Grace," opened modestly with \$6.5 million. Orion Picture's "Anna and the Apocalypse," a well-reviewed indie mash-up—your standard zombie-comedy-musical—

debuted in five theaters, with about \$50,000 in ticket sales.

"Crazy Rich Asians," Warner Bros.' breakout summer hit, was a dud in China. Warner Bros. said the acclaimed romantic comedy, which earned \$173 million domestically, debuted in China with just \$1.2 million. John M. Chu's Singapore-set film, which opened Aug. 14 in the U.S., took months to secure a release date in China, a delay some have attributed to the film's depiction of extremely wealthy Chinese Singaporeans.

"Crazy Rich Asians" was a hit at the Singapore box office, but, like most comedies, it hasn't been as much a sensation abroad as it was in the U.S.; it's earned \$64 million overseas. The film's performance in China, though, is potentially worrisome for Warner Bros. Its planned sequel, "China Rich Girlfriend," aims to better capitalize on the world's second largest film market.

One film that didn't dip much on the weekend was Universal's "Green Book," which grossed \$3.9 million on

1,065 screens, dropping 29 percent. The uplifting 1962 road trip drama, starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen, has struggled to match Oscar buzz with box office. But last week, "Green Book" was named best film of the year by the National Board of Review, and Universal is hoping it holds strongly in the coming weeks.

1. "Ralph Breaks the Internet," \$25.8 million (\$33.7 million international).
2. "The Grinch," \$17.7 million (\$27.1 million international).
3. "Creed II," \$16.8 million (\$10 million international).
4. "Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald," \$11.2 million (\$40.2 million international).
5. "Bohemian Rhapsody," \$8.1 million (\$37 million international).
6. "Instant Family," \$7.2 million (\$3.4 million international).
7. "Possession of Hannah Grace," \$6.5 million (\$4.1 million international).
8. "Robin Hood," \$4.7 million (\$15.1 million international).
9. "Widows," \$4.4 million (\$5.5 million international).
10. "Green Book," \$3.9 million.

Bono to speak in Chicago on fighting AIDS, poverty in Africa

CHICAGO (AP)—Bono will speak in Chicago about his efforts to combat AIDS and extreme poverty in Africa.

The lead singer of the rock band U2 is scheduled to appear Thursday at an Economic Club of Chicago dinner meeting. He'll participate in a discussion with Ariel Investments President Melody Hobson, who is also the club's chairwoman.

Bono is co-founder of ONE, an advocacy organization that lobbies governments around the world to address poverty. He also co-founded RED, which partners with well-known brands to raise public awareness of AIDS. It has raised more than \$500 million for AIDS prevention and treatment in Africa.

The discussion will be livestreamed on the club's YouTube channel.

Men's friendship changes when one friend finds a new job

DEAR ABBY: I thought I had a best friend. We got to know each other when we worked together for almost four years. He's straight, I'm gay and we're total opposites. However, he taught me how to fish and took me shooting at his family's ranch; we would go to dinners/lunches and go to the city. He's a few years older than I am (he's in his 30s).

When I went to rehab for six weeks, he came to visit me. But when I celebrated my first year of sobriety a few months back, he never congratulated me. I found a new job almost a year ago, so we stopped seeing or contacting each other.

Looking back, I was always the one asking to hang out and planning the days when we would do fun things together. I feel hurt that he hasn't checked in with me, but I feel like my friendship should be valued and that friendships should be a two-way street.

Am I being childish? Is it too late to reach out? It's been six months with no contact. I thought I showed him how much I cared about our friendship. It would have meant a lot to me if he had reached out to see how I was doing.

FRIENDLESS GUY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRIENDLESS GUY: The fact you no longer work together may have something to do with his silence—out of sight, out of mind. Were you really the one who initiated the

fishing trips and visits to his family's ranch? If not, it seems to me that he was doing his part in maintaining the friendship.

It's possible he may have met someone and be involved in a romance, or just busy. If you were the heavy lifter in your relationship, you should not expect him to change. I think it's time YOU reached out and checked in.

DEAR ABBY: Lately I have been feeling torn between staying in my relationship or leaving. I have always maintained I was doing the right thing for my kids by staying with their father. He's a good man, but he has always said he never wanted kids. At times he can be a really fun father, however, more often than not, he chooses not to do things with us.

I don't want my kids to miss out on a full and memorable childhood, but he is more focused on his own wants and needs. We have a family vacation trip planned with my family, and he has chosen not to go and instead take a week for himself to do what he wants to do.

I want my kids to have a father who wants to be in their lives and do things with them, but this doesn't seem to be what he wants. I don't know what to do. Help, please.

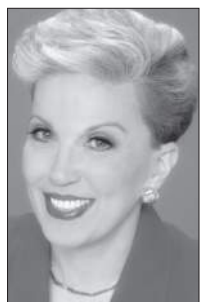
WANTS WHAT'S BEST IN IDAHO

DEAR WANTS: If your partner made clear that he didn't want children, how is it that you had at least two with him? If

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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you leave him so your children will have a father who wants to be in their lives, how do you plan to conjure one up?

What you need to do is evaluate your options and not overreact. Discuss this with someone who is rational and unbiased. You didn't list any of the positive traits this "good man" possesses. Be careful before making any rash decisions. No one's perfect, and he may become more hands-on as the kids get older.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

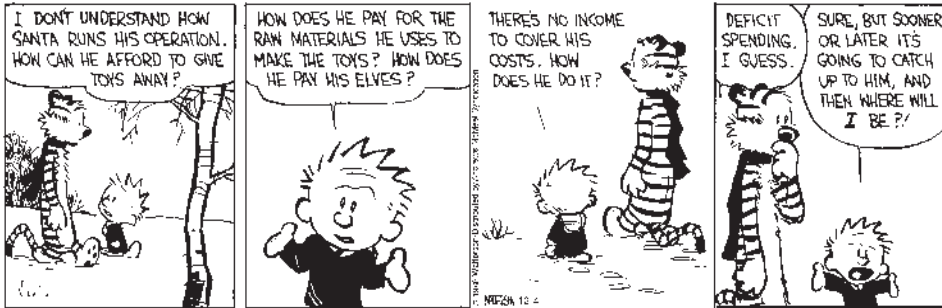
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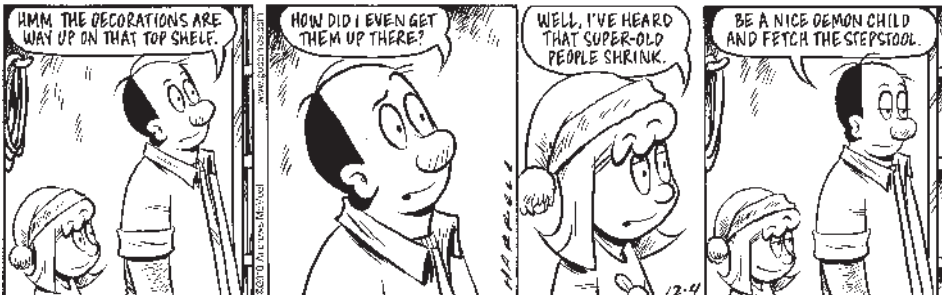


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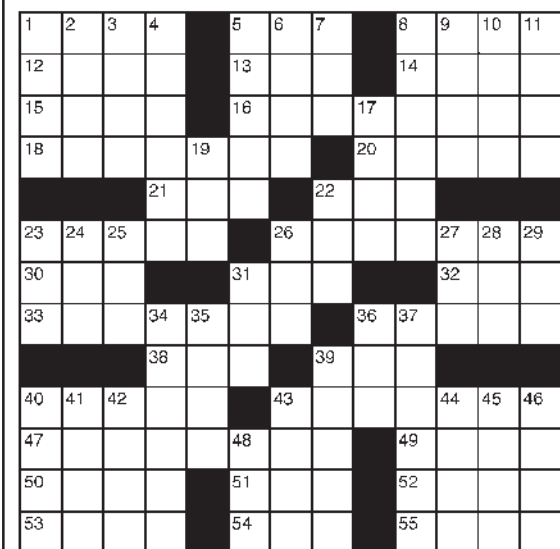
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Happy Birthday: Trust in what you know, not what someone tells you. You'll have plenty of opportunities, but this is not the year to cut corners or rely on others. Only take on what's important to you; see it through. You may be tempted to take a risk, but that will tie up time, causing you to miss better prospects. Your numbers are 8, 19, 22, 27, 31, 35, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Check out opportunities, but don't take a gamble on something that isn't a sure thing. Know what's required and what you'll get in return. Negotiate on your own behalf and make changes based on common sense, not what someone else does. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Positive change will tweak your relationships at work and at home. Personal physical improvements will lead to compliments and a feeling of accomplishment. Focus on fitness, health and diet. An event will bring you in touch with someone from your past. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for the good in everyone, but don't be too trusting. It's important to question what's uncertain or to back away from a situation that has a weak foundation. Look out for your interests. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plan to do something that you find relaxing or inspiring. Attend a function that is geared

toward a fun time with children or romance with your lover. A day spent with someone you love will bring you closer together. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems at home will leave you wondering what to do next. Don't let an emotional incident turn into a no-win situation. Kindness and diplomacy are always better routes to take if you want to find a solution. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stick to your plan. Don't spend one penny more than necessary. If someone exaggerates or is indulgent, walk away. Don't feel you have to give in to someone pressuring you. Positive change should start within. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't feel obligated to take on too much. Set boundaries when dealing with people who tend to be pushy or critical. Concentrate on making personal changes that will improve the way you handle or earn your living. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spend more time with people who pump you up, not those who bring you down. Trying new things will be uplifting. Allow yourself to let your imagination wander and your ideas to unfold. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think big, but don't lose sight of what's practical. Having a sense of trust and belonging will be important while collaborating with others. Don't let someone's charm deceive you. Question and fact-check before you proceed. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's OK to change your mind or to say no to someone who is trying to entice you into something you don't want to do. Put your efforts into personal gains, physical improvements and jobs you enjoy doing. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make a reasonable change, but don't disrupt your world trying to reach the unattainable. Expect someone to use emotional meddling in order to twist your way of thinking or to get you to overspend on something you don't need. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put some muscle behind your plans. How you handle your cash or take care of your responsibilities will have an impact on others. Living within your means and doing what's right and best should be your prime concerns. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

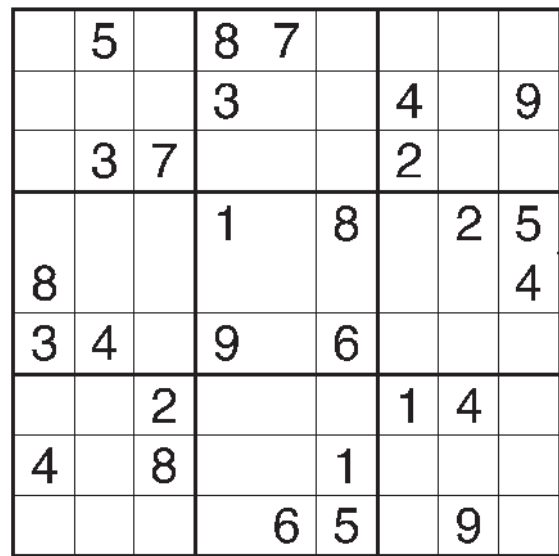
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By Dave Green

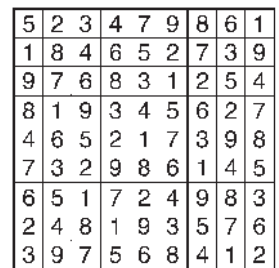


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By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 9 letters



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Cardinals stun fading Packers; McCarthy fired



GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—The lowly Arizona Cardinals pulled off an upset at Lambeau Field that was so much a stunner that the Green Bay Packers fired coach Mike McCarthy after the game.

Zane Gonzalez kicked a 44-yard field goal with 1:41 left, Green Bay's Mason Crosby missed a 49-yard attempt as time expired and the Cardinals braved wintry conditions to hold on for a 20-17 victory on Sunday.

The Packers (4-7-1) announced McCarthy's dismissal following the postgame availabilities with the media. Team president Mark Murphy made the move after Green Bay took another debilitating hit to its fading playoff hopes.

"The 2018 season has not lived up to the expectations and standards of the Green Bay Packers," Murphy said in a statement. "As a result, I made the difficult decision to relieve Mike McCarthy of his role as head coach, effective immediately."

For McCarthy, a tenure highlighted by a Super Bowl win in the 2010 season ends with a loss to Arizona (3-9), one of the worst teams in the league.

After the game, but before the Packers fired McCarthy, the Cardinals were joking and yelling in the visitor's locker room as if they didn't believe what had just happened.

"We did that! We did that," some emotional players yelled.



AP
Arizona Cardinals quarterback Josh Rosen scrambles while being rushed by Green Bay Packers defensive end Dean Lowry during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Green Bay, Wis.

threw a touchdown pass and the Houston Texans intercepted rookie Baker Mayfield three times, returning one for a score, to extend their franchise-record winning streak to nine games.

The Texans (9-3), who opened the season 0-3, haven't lost since Sept. 23 to take a commanding lead atop the AFC South.

Buccaneers 24, Panthers 17

In Tampa, Jameis Winston threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns as the Bucs (5-7) won for the second straight time since Winston regained his starting job with the team mired in a four-game losing streak.

The fourth-year pro completed 20 of 30 passes. And, for the second week in a row, the 24-year-old quarterback did not turn over the ball.

Broncos 24, Bengals 10

In Cincinnati, rookie Phillip Lindsay ran for a career-high 157 yards and a pair of touchdowns as the Broncos adapted to a windy afternoon and got their third straight victory have emerged from their bye week and knocked off the Chargers, Steelers and Bengals to stay in contention in December.

Denver handled an unseasonably warm day: 66 degrees at kickoff with wind gusts up to 40 mph that redirected kicks and throws.

Dolphins 21, Bills 17

In Miami Gardens, Jordan Phillips drew a costly penalty for taunting his former team, setting up a touchdown with nine minutes left that helped the Dolphins rally, at Miami Gardens.

Miami turned away two Bills drives down the stretch, and Charles Clay almost caught Josh Allen's desperation fourth-down pass with a diving attempt at the goal line in the final minute.

Chargers 33, Steelers 30

In Pittsburgh, Michael Badgley kicked a 29-yard field goal on the final play to lift Los Angeles past the Steelers.

Badgley initially missed a 39-yard kick but Pittsburgh was called for offsides. Badgley's ensuing 34-yard attempt was blocked, but the Steelers were again flagged jumping across the line of scrimmage before the snap. He drilled his third attempt, and the Chargers declined another Pittsburgh penalty.

Rams 30, Lions 16

In Detroit, Todd Gurley ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns to help the Los Angeles Rams overcome a sputtering start to beat the Detroit Lions and clinch the NFC West title for a second straight season.

The Rams (11-1) also

moved a step closer to earning home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs, taking a one-game lead over New Orleans after it lost to Dallas on Thursday night. It is a cushion Los Angeles needs because its only loss was against the Saints last month.

The Lions (4-8) have lost five of six since a surge of success gave them a winning record in late October.

Giants 30, Bears 27 OT

In New Jersey, Aldrick Rosas kicked a 44-yard field goal in overtime and the Giants beat NFC North-leading Chicago, snapping the Bears' five-game winning streak.

The Giants (4-8) blew a 10-point lead in the final 1:13 of regulation. They didn't nail down the win until Janoris Jenkins knocked away a deep fourth-down pass to Taylor Gabriel after quarterback Chase Daniel fumbled on consecutive plays on the rainy afternoon to set up a fourth-and-8.

Chiefs 40, Raiders 33

In Oakland, Patrick Mahomes threw four touchdown passes to join Peyton Manning and Tom Brady as the only QBs to reach the 40 TD mark through 12 games.

The Chiefs won their first game since releasing star running back Kareem Hunt. The Chiefs (10-2) cut ties with Hunt after a months-old video surfaced on TMZ on Friday, showing him shoving and kicking a woman. No charges have been filed in the case

from February, but the Chiefs let Hunt go because he misled them about the incident.

Patriots 24, Vikings 10

In Foxborough, Tom Brady passed for 311 yards and a touchdown, while Bill Belichick earned his 250th victory, including playoffs, as Patriots coach.

Brady completed 24 of 32 passes and now has 579 touchdown passes, including the playoffs, tying him with Peyton Manning for the most. He also has 508 regular-season TD passes, which ties him with Brett Favre on the career list. Manning is first with 539 and Drew Brees has 518.

Seahawks 43, 49ers 16

In Seattle, Russell Wilson threw three first-half touchdowns on just four completions and finished with four TD passes. Bobby Wagner capped a blowout with a 98-yard interception return touchdown, and the Seahawks won their third straight game.

Seattle (7-5) stayed in the middle of the NFC playoff race by jumping to a 20-0 lead and cruising to its ninth straight victory over its NFC West foe.

Titans 26, Jets 22

In Nashville, Marcus Mariota threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Corey Davis with 36 seconds left, and the Titans rallied from a 16-point deficit.

The Titans (6-6) snapped a two-game skid to keep themselves on the fringes of the AFC playoff chase.

The Jets (3-9) had one last chance to snap their own losing streak, but Malcolm Butler intercepted Josh McCown's pass with 21 seconds left to seal Tennessee's victory and the Jets' collapse. New York now has lost six straight.

Jaguars 6, Colts 0

In Jacksonville, Jalen Ramsey and the Jaguars delivered one of the most dominant defensive performances in franchise history. The Jaguars (4-8) needed that kind of effort to make up for a lackluster offense and end a seven-game losing streak. They also snapped Indy's five-game winning streak.

Ramsey was the best of the bunch, helping hold T.Y. Hilton to six catches for 56 yards. Ramsey also made a game-ending tackle on Erik Swoope with 8 seconds remaining.

Ravens 26, Falcons 16

In Atlanta, rookie Lamar Jackson ran for a touchdown and Baltimore's defense turned in a dominating performance.

Justin Tucker kicked four field goals, Tavon Young scored after scooping up a fumble by Matt Ryan, and Baltimore held the Falcons to 131 total yards in its third straight win. The Ravens (7-5) have bolstered their AFC wild-card position since Jackson took over at quarterback for the injured Joe Flacco.

Texans 29, Browns 13

In Houston, Deshaun Watson

Berhalter named head coach of US men's national squad

NEW YORK—After playing in two World Cups, Gregg Berhalter will be trying to lead the U.S. back there as its coach.

The U.S. Soccer Federation has chosen Berhalter, who has coached the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for five seasons, to be the next coach for the U.S. men's national soccer team.

Berhalter is scheduled to be officially introduced at a news conference on Tuesday.

"Gregg has the background as a person, successful coach and former player," said USMNT general manager Earnie Stewart said in a statement. "When it comes to the base and added value qualifications, he scored extremely high. His willingness, work ethic and ideas about developing this player pool and influencing these players in and outside of camp and the thought process he has about that—constantly seeking new things—set him apart."

"He is a coach that is learn-

ing at all times. Every single day he tries to develop himself so he can be a better leader for the team that he has. That is something that really stood out with Gregg and went a long way in the decision to offer him the job."

The 45-year-old Berhalter becomes the first former USMNT player to coach the team. He is a two-time World Cup veteran, including two starts in the knockout stage of the 2002 World Cup.

"This is a tremendous honor," Berhalter said in a statement. "Having played for the national team, I know what it means to represent our country. I believe in our players and our program, and together we will work to build something special and develop a team that will make our supporters proud."

The U.S. failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup in Russia after a humiliating loss to Trinidad and Tobago. The 2012 World Cup will be held in Qatar.



Lakers rout Suns for 3rd straight victory



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Moritz Wagner drove for a layup to put the Los Angeles Lakers up by 31 points, and his teammates erupted off the bench in spontaneous glee for their German rookie's first NBA field goal.

"He learned how to ride a bike!" LeBron James said afterward. "That was that moment. You guys never rode a bike before? Yeah, we were excited. Very excited."

The Lakers had plenty of time for fun and frivolity after making easy work of the Phoenix Suns during the next win in an increasingly impressive season.

Kyle Kuzma scored 23 points and James had 22 before both sat out the fourth quarter of the Lakers' third home victory in four days, 120-96 over the struggling Suns on Sunday.

Brandon Ingram scored 15 points and JaVale McGee had 14 points and eight rebounds in three quarters of work for the Lakers, who have won 12 of 16 since their 2-5 start to James' first season on the West Coast.

Michael Beasley scored a season-high 14 points for the Lakers. Although they fell behind by 17 points in the first quarter, they still made easy work of last-place Phoenix despite committing 19 turnovers.

"I was very happy with our defensive effort again," coach Luke Walton said. "I thought we came out a little flat. Michael Beasley and the second unit did a really good job of getting us started, and then from that point on, the rest of the guys had a pretty solid game."

Richaun Holmes scored 15 points, and Josh Jackson and Trevor Ariza scored 13 apiece for the Suns, who have lost five



straight to fall to 4-19.

"It's kind of hard not to focus on the record, but we've still got games to play," Jackson said. "We show flashes of how good we could be. We just have to be able to start stringing those runs together and just be better all the time. The more consistent we get, the better we'll be."

No. 1 overall pick Deandre Ayton had 10 points and 10 rebounds, but the Suns couldn't build on their excellent first quarter.

"Obviously we can't be happy with the final result, but I thought we came ready to play, to compete," Phoenix coach Igor Kokoskov said. "The first 10 minutes of the game, we can say that we looked like an organized group and we competed."

76ers 103, Grizzlies 95

In Philadelphia, Jimmy Butler continued his run as Philadelphia's stretch-run shooter, scoring 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter against Memphis.

our conference meet this February," the 19-year-old said.

Villacrusis is talking of the NWC Championships that will be held from Feb. 7 to 10 in Federal Way, Washington.

"My goal for this year is to make the finals in our conference meet this February. It is going to be a lot of work, but I want to place in an event by the time I graduate," said Villacrusis, who left words of encouragement to CNMI swimmers who continue to train despite the closure of the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

"To our swimmers back home, you guys are doing a great job. I know swimming in the ocean isn't fun, but you guys need to hang in there. Keep working hard, don't give up, and let me know when you guys play fortnite," the George Fox rookie said.

Ben Simmons, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, ran up from behind on MarShon Brooks and poked the ball free for a steal. That led to a pair of free throws for Butler that made it 95-89. Butler buried a turnaround jumper for a 97-89 lead that sealed the win.

JJ Redick continued his late-career resurgence with 24

points for the Sixers, and Joel Embiid had 15 points and 14 rebounds. Mike Conley scored 21 points for Memphis.

The Sixers are 13-1 at home and 8-2 since acquiring Butler from Minnesota.

Spurs 131, Trail Blazers 118

In San Antonio, DeMar DeRo-

Los Angeles Lakers' Brandon Ingram (14) attempts a shot as Phoenix Suns' Josh Jackson, second from left, Deandre Ayton (22), and Trevor Ariza, right, defend during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Los Angeles.

zan had a season-high 36 points and San Antonio overcame a big game by Damian Lillard, rebounding from a pair of lopsided losses to beat Portland

The Spurs held a practice Saturday morning following consecutive losses of 39 points and 31 points and the team responded with its highest point total in two weeks.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 29 points and Rudy Gay had 18 as the Spurs snapped a two-game skid. Lillard scored 37 points for Portland, and C.J. McCollum had 24.

Pelicans 119, Hornets 109

In North Carolina, Anthony Davis had 36 points, 19 rebounds and eight assists to help New Orleans beat Charlotte.

Jrue Holiday added 19 points and eight assists. The Pelicans

won for only the second time in seven games. Frank Kaminsky led the Hornets with a season-high 19 points, although he struggled with guarding Davis. Kemba Walker had 13 points on 5-of-16 shooting.

Mavericks 114, Clippers 110

In Dallas, Harrison Barnes scored 30 points, and Dorian Finney-Smith tipped in a rebound with 35 seconds remaining to give Dallas the lead for good against Los Angeles.

Mavericks center DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 23 rebounds in his first game against his former team. Montrezl Harrell scored 23 points to lead the Clippers.

Heat 102, Jazz 100

In Miami, Dwyane Wade made a pair of free throws with 3.2 seconds left, and Miami rallied from down 19 early to beat Utah.

Hassan Whiteside had 23 points and 20 rebounds for Miami, Josh Richardson and Kelly Olynyk had 16 points each, and Wade added 15. Ricky Rubio led Utah with 23 points.

Rahm wins in Bahamas, ends year with 3 titles

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—Jon Rahm broke into tears when he beat Tiger Woods in the Ryder Cup, the most meaningful moment of his career.

Sunday wasn't bad either, not with Woods handing him the trophy after Rahm turned a potential shootout into a runaway victory on the back nine in the Bahamas to end his year by winning the Hero World Challenge.

That makes two full years as a pro for the 24-year-old Spaniard, each with three victories worldwide.

"I hope I keep winning three times every year," Rahm said. "Still wouldn't get to what Tiger's done in 20 years, but it would be pretty impressive."

Starting the final round in a three-way tie with Tony Finau and Henrik Stenson, Rahm took the lead for good on the eighth hole and never trailed again. Finau was his final challenger until he took double bogey on

the par-4 14th hole as Rahm made birdie for a five-shot lead, and the rest was easy.

Rahm closed with a 7-under 65 for a four-shot victory at Albany Golf Club.

"Even if I make a 4 there, I'm going to have to do something pretty dang special," Finau said. "Hats off to Jon this week. He played incredible golf, and he deserved to win this week."

Woods was never in the picture until it was time to hand out the trophy. Woods got off to another rough start, rallied on the back nine and had to settle for a 1-over 73 to finish 17th against the 18-man field. He finished 19 shots behind, the biggest gap this year from the winner over 72 holes.

"Overall, it was a long week, but one that I hope the players enjoyed," Woods said in his role as tournament host.

Even so, there were Tiger

prints all over this victory.

Rahm spoke of an interview he once saw from the British Open when Woods said that when he took the lead, his goal was to never go back to the field.

"That's the same thing I thought today," Rahm said. "As soon as I got in the lead, my mind was still forward. Keep doing birdies and just keep going on. I didn't know what kind of a lead I had until I got to 16, and I was still rifling at the pin."

He also recalled running into Woods before the Tour Championship at East Lake, which Woods won for his 80th career victory. Rahm grew up on poa annua greens, still isn't entirely comfortable on Bermuda and asked Woods for advice.

"He kind of laughed and told me it's all about feel," Rahm said. "I was like, 'OK, whatever, right.' And today out there with the trophy, he

was like, 'That's a pretty good performance for somebody who can't put putt on Bermuda greens.' I think I made one putt outside 10 feet. I didn't miss a shot the last three days, it's as simple as that. But I don't think he believed me."

Rahm has said all week the key to Albany were the five par 5s and two reachable par 4s. He made birdie on all of them Sunday.

Even with a runaway victory, there was a small measure of drama on the final hole.

Justin Rose, needing to finish in a three-way tie for second to return to No. 1 in the world, closed with a 65 and was in position to go back to the top of the ranking until Finau rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt for a 69 to finish alone in second.

Brooks Koepka, who did not play this week, remains No. 1. Rose has one more event left in two weeks at the Indonesia Masters.

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maining PSS and CCOPSA seasons will be affected. I, Mili (Saiki), and then Nick (Gross) decided that it was time to bring back a Kids Cup type of event with the goal of seeing what kind of response we would get in our preliminary estimate, we figured 150 players," Peterka said.

One-hundred-four signed up for the U14 and U18 divi-

sion games, while NMIVA's junior group took the lead in running the competition, and the adults/masters players volunteered as umpires in the weekend event.

"I think 135 was our record for the Kids Cup and maybe that was 2012 or 2013. The turnout last Saturday was 104, so Mili and I thought, let's see... and if this is good, maybe we could do another one in the first quarter of 2019. I would say that the interest is higher now

than it was two years ago," the NMIVA head said.

She added that they have been counting on the Public School System and the Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association to boost the numbers of individuals getting involved in the sport. PSS concluded its high school girls indoor volleyball season a little over a week before Yutu hammered Saipan, while CCOPSA has yet to play the finale of the middle school

division and will start the high school competition today.

Meanwhile, after the successful staging of the Yutu Relief tournament, NMIVA has lined up another competition next month.

"MCS Alumni reached out and asked if we could help them with an event for Jan. 5. We've discussed it and they have agreed to host the grass reverse co-ed event, which used to take place every January," Peterka said.

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and four Southwestern Oregon swimmers. The former CNMI national team member also raced in the 100m breast-stroke and was ranked third after clocking in at 1:08.01. Then last month, Villacrusis also swam against Witworth and Withman in Washington, Lewis & Clark in Portland, and Pacific Lutheran, while George Fox had the Bruin Invite over the weekend. In January, the Bruins are scheduled to compete against Villamette, College of Idaho, Puget Sound, Linfield, and Pacific (Ore).

"Swimming in the college level is very competitive. I am not getting the times I want right now, but we are working very hard and I am excited for

Hope For Tomorrow U18 Division



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Dr. Pepper's A.J. Hudkins spikes the ball, while The Better Team's Steven Goodwin goes for a block during their title game in the co-ed U18 division of the Hope For Tomorrow Yutu Relief Fundraiser Beach Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan sand courts. The Better Team won, 21-18.



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From left, Bailey Spaeth, Dayna Macaranas, Angela Jun, and Steven Goodwin of The Better Team pose with their prizes.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jam's Jasmine Phan, left, hits the ball, while her teammate Malika Miyawaki looks on during their game against Dr. Pepper.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Dr. Pepper's Sunjoon Tenorio serves to The Better Team.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jssakk's Steven Balakrishna bumps the ball during their semis match over Dr. Pepper.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Better Team's Steven Goodwin bumps the ball from the backline, while teammate Dayna Macaranas stays close in the play.



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Players of Dr. Pepper pose for a photo after receiving their runner-up prizes.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Dr. Pepper's Louisa Hahn bends to save the ball from dropping.



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Volleyball regaining momentum



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Bump's Hyejin Elliot serves to the MCS Knights during their co-ed U14 division title game in last Saturday's Hope For Tomorrow Yutu Relief Fundraiser Beach Volleyball Tournament held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan sand courts.

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The more than 100 players that competed in last Saturday's Hope For Tomorrow Yutu Relief Fundraiser Beach Volleyball Tournament at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan proved that the sport is picking up its lost ground.

"As you know, we haven't held a Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival since 2015 and in 2015, we only did the Juniors and the Kids Cup," Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association president Laurie Peterka said.

The Marianas Cup was the premier and signature volleyball tournament of NMIVA. Saipan hosted it for more than a decade before the island took turns with Guam in holding the event that featured professional players from around the world teaming up with lo-



cal bets and a separate competition for those in the U18 age group.

Logistics challenges and economic constraints had the event scrapped and NMIVA was left with occasional tournaments since 2015.

"It's been really, really challenging and honestly, I am have no real clue as to why I haven't just given up. In August, we started a NMIVA working group and our goal was to regroup after the Yap Games (2018 Micronesian Games). We are trying to rebuild our capacity and a few



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Participants, officials, and volunteers in last Saturday's Hope For Tomorrow Yutu Relief Fundraiser Beach Volleyball Tournament pose for a photo at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

people have expressed their interest. So, just before the storm, our working group was determined to try to rebuild our calendar and the goal being to have at least one event

per quarter, but shoot for one per month, alternating beach, indoor, grass, and also with youth, young adults, and masters," Peterka said.

"Sadly, many of our indoor

volunteers were heavily affected by the storm, but they are still very interested. I think we actually had to stop in the middle because of the storm and resume the following

weekend. So, now we have the Yutu recovery in front of us, it's likely that both the re-

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Villacrusis adjusting to collegiate races

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As expected, CNMI swimmer Christian Villacrusis is still learning the ropes in his rookie season with the George Fox University in the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

"Swimming for a college team is a good experience. It is very tough to manage time when you have to worry about balancing academics on top of your many swim practices," the former Saipan Swim Club member.

Villacrusis debuted for the Bruins, who compete in the Division III's Northwest Conference, last October against the Southwestern Oregon Community College. He is one of the three freshmen on George Fox's roster and does freestyle and breast-



stroke swims for the Bruins.

"My first meet was great. We went up against Southwestern Oregon Community College and my first event was the 100 free. It was my first time racing in a 25-yard pool and I still need to get used to all these flip turns. Overall, I felt good about my performance and it was great to represent my school and of course, our island," the Mt. Carmel School graduate said.

Villacrusis timed in at 52.47 seconds in the 100m freestyle, placing second behind teammate Dean Caleb (51.70 seconds) and beating fellow Bruins' Zach Johnson

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Christian Villacrusis plunges into the pool during his debut with the George Fox University in the NCAA Division III last October in Oregon.